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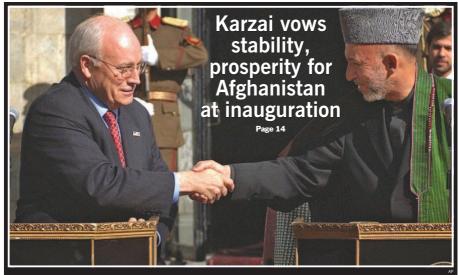
Daily convoys put unit on risky roads

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# 1st AD captain to face trial in shooting death of Iraqi

Officer says killing of injured man was 'act of mercy' Page 5



Afghan President Hamid Karzai shakes hands with U.S. Vice President Dick Cheney on Tuesday at the presidential palace in Kabul, Afghanistan, following Karzai's inauguration Karzai took the reins as the first democratically elected president of Afghanistan, a nation still threatened by a Taliban insurgency and a surging drug trade.

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## ews Tracker ... What's new with old news

### World

Romania rock star funeral: Hundreds of fans turned out Tuesday in this Transylvanian city for the funeral of a Romania rock star who was killed in a car accident involving a U.S. Ma-

rine.
Teofil Peter, a 50-year-old bass player
with the popular Romanian band Compact,
died in the crash early Saturday.

Romania's Prime Minister Adrian Nastase appealed to President Bush on Tuesday to help bring the Marine to justice, adding that his immediate departure from the country after the accident has caused outrage in Romania.

Ukraine election: Lawmakers convened in Kiev's parliament Tuesday in hopes of striking a deal that would secure a fair presidential vote at the end of the month, and opposition protesters appeared to grow restless with the prolonged political crisis. An initial agreement Monday between op-

An initial agreement Monday between opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko's camp and Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovych's supporters called for simultaneous passage of two issues by parliament.

One issue was opposition-demanded electoral changes to prevent fraud in the Dec. 26 presidential election — a rerun of the Nov. 21 runoff balloting. The other was government-demanded constitutional reform that would trim presidential powers.

But the deal appeared in jeopardy early Tuesday after late-night European-mediated talks.

Moroccan terror suspects' trial: Five Moroccans held for nearly three years at the U.S. military prison in Guantanamo Bay — including a suspected bodyguard for Osama bin Laden — went on trial in Rabat charged with posing a threat to national security.

Arrested in Pakistan and Afghanistan in late 2001, all five were accused of taking training courses in how to handle firearms and make explosives.

Soon after the trial opened Monday at a Rabat criminal court, lawyers for the group won a two-week postponement until Dec. 20 to better prepare their defense. The court denied a request that the defendants be released from prison during the trial. After spending two years and eight

After spending two years and eight months at the U.S. detention camp in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, the men were turned over to Moroccan authorities in August.

Group suicide in Japan: Three people were found dead inside a car parked outside a remote forest in southern Japan early Tuesday in what police suspected was the country's latest group suicide.

Two women and a man were found in a minivan in the town of Yayoi, in Japan's southern prefecture of Oita, local police spokesman Mikio Suura said. A 42-year-old woman was slumped over in the driver's seat, while a 19-year-old man sat in the passenger seat and a 26-year-old woman sat in the back seat.

Three portable stoves containing solid charcoal fuel sat on the floor and the windows were sealed with vinyl tape from the inside. Police later found suicide notes inside the car.

Mad cow in Italy: A cow in southern Italy has tested positive for mad cow disease, raising to 124 the number of cases detected in the country since testing began in 2001, the Health Ministry said Monday.

The ministry said analysis confirmed that an 8-year-old cow from a breeding farm in the countryside of Avellino had the disease.



U.S. Army deserter: Former U.S. Army deserter Charles Jenkins, left, and his wife, Hitomi Soga, smile Tuesday while holding bouquets of Howers they received upon their arrival at Mano Town Hall in Sado, a small island in the Sea of Japan. Greeted by cheering crowds, the couple and their two daughters will start a new life in Soga's homeowan after Jenkins finished serving a one-month sentence for abandoning his Army post in 1965 to avoid the perils of duty on the Korean pensisual.

The disease affects the brains of cattle and is incurable. Two years ago, Italy reported its first case of the human form of the brain-wasting illness, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, which experts believe is transmitted by eating meat from infected animals.

#### States

U.S. border checks: Foreign nationals entering the United States zipped through the main port in Nogales and several other locations in Arizona and California as a new digital screening program went into effect.

"It's much faster this way," said Adolfo Moroyoqui Felix, who was traveling between Mexico and Phoenix. "They had to fill out paperwork before. It's more effective this way."

The screenings are part of a post-Sept. 11 plan to one day ID and record every foreigner who enters and leaves the United States. It has been in place at US. airports and seaports for nearly a year. It will be in the country's 50 busiest land ports by the end of the month and at all 165 land border crossings by the end of next year.

Scott Peterson trial: In tearful testimony, Scott Peterson's family and friends pleaded with jurors to spare his life, contending that he was mistakenly convicted of killing his

inceptant wife, Laci.

Testimony in the seven-month-old trial's penalty phase was set to continue Tuesday and run into the next day before closing arguments. Jurors were expected to begin deliberating Thursday whether to sentence Peterson to life without parole or the death penalty. Peterson was convicted Nov. 12 of one count of first-degree murder in the death of his pregnant wife, Laci, and one count of second-degree murder for the killing of her fetus.

Arthritis drugs: New research suggests that pain reliever Celebrex does not carry the same heart attack risk as Vioxx, a similar drug pulled from the market in September because of safety concerns.

The study by researchers at the University

The study by researchers at the University of Pennsylvania compares the two arthritis drugs and contradicts claims by other scientists that all so-called cox-2 inhibitors may carry similar dangers. "Vioxx and Celebrex look different. Rela-

wox and celebrex, Vioxx had about a threefold greater risk of heart attacks," said Dr. Stephen Kimmel, associate professor of medicine and epidemiology and lead author of the study. "What that implies is that all cox-2 inhibitors may not be the same."

Robert Blake trial: The judge in the Robert Blake murder case delayed opening statements for two weeks because of the theft of his defense lawyer's computer, and a defense lawyer disclosed that a key prosecution witness was admitted recently to a psychiatric ward following an episode of paramoia.

Governor recount: Washington state has ordered at hird vote tally—this time an expensive and time-consuming hand count—to solve a political mystery: Who will be the state's next governor? The state Supreme Court apparently will jump into the fray later this week, potentially expanding the number of ballots to be counted.

The first count ended with Republican Dino Rossi 261 votes ahead of Democrat Christine Gregoire out of 2.9 million ballots cast five weeks ago. An automatic machine recount certified a week ago again put Rossi ahead, this time by 42 votes.

On Monday, Secretary of State Sam Reed ordered a statewide hand recount.

**Deadly smuggling attempt:** A Honduran man who survived the nation's deadliest human smuggling attempt described a grim scene inside the trailer where he was packed with other immigrants.

"We were very desperate. People were taking off their clothes. ... I was very weak," said David Fernando Amaya-Leon, who testified Monday in the trial of three people who prosecutors say are members of a smuggling ring that tried to transport him and more than 70 other illegal immigrants from South Texas to Houston in May 2003 inside the trailer.

Photos and stories by The Associated Press

## Correction

A story in Tuesday's edition about cargo being loaded onto a Military Sealift Command ship in England contained incorrect information. The equipment came from the Army Field Support Battalion in Hythe. England. Comics, horoscopes and advice every day in Stars and Stripes

# **Bush thanks Pendleton troops** U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. -President Bush, appearing before cheering U.S. forces Tuesday, declared that terrorists won't be able to control Iraq's destiny because "free people will never choose their own enslavement."

Rush said that as election day there approaches on Jan. 30, "we can expect further violence" but also said that the balloting must go forward.

A large crowd of Marines clad in tan-and-green camouflage uni-forms bellowed "oo-rah," as Bush, who donned a tan military-style jacket with epaulets, thanked U.S. forces. He said the bravery and sacrifice of the troops has made America safer.

You see, the terrorists understand what is at stake," the president said. "They know they have no future in a free Iraq.

"They know democracy will give Iraqis a stake in the future of their country," Bush said. "When Iraqis choose their leader in free elections, it will destroy the myth that the terrorists are fighting a foreign occupation and make clear that what the terrorists really are fighting is the will of the Iragi people.



President Bush is escorted by U.S. Naval officers left, and Marine officers to an awards ceremony at Marine Corp Air Station Miramar on Tuesday in San Diego, Bush addressed troops at Camp Pendleton. which has experienced one of the largest casualty rates in Iraq.

Bush addressed troops at a stadium at Camp Pendleton in southern California, which has experi-enced one of the largest casualty rates in Iraq.

More than 21,000 troops from the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, based at Camp Pendleton, are serving in al-Anbar province

They belong to units that have done house-to-house searches for weapons in Falluiah, handed out food and water to Iraqi citizens. taken fire from rocket launchers and fought masked insurgents tot-

Bush planned lunch with troops and a meeting with families of servicemembers at this mil-

ing AK-47s

Diego. More than 21,000 Marines serving in Iraq and neighboring nations are part of the 1st Marine expeditionary Force based there.

Speaking on the 63rd anniversa-ry of Pearl Harbor, Bush suggested ways Americans can actively support the troops.
Several options include a De-

Department program called "America Supports You," designed to showcase support for the military from individuals, businesses and groups as a way of encouraging others to do the

The ongoing insurgency in Iraq and upcoming elections on Jan. 30 dominated the president's meeting at the White House on Monday with Iraqi interim President Ghazi al-Yawer. Postponing the election, both leaders said, would amount to giving a concession to insurgents

More than 200 U.S. troops from units based at Camp Pendleton have died since the beginning of Iraqi Freedom in March 2003, according to a Defense Department casualty count.

Among their missions, Camp Pendleton Marines were among the thousands of U.S. and Iraqi troops that fought recently to se cure the insurgent stronghold of Falluiah.

# in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Monday, at least 1,276 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 998 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense Department said. The figures include three military civilians

The AP count is six higher than the Defense Depart-ment's tally, last updated at 10 a.m. EST Monday.

The British military has reported 74 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary and Latvia one death

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,138 U.S. military members have died, ac-cording to AP's count. That in-cludes at least 889 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

Marines

killed in action in two separate incidents Sunday in Anbar province.
■ Two Marines were killed

Friday in fighting in western Anbar province.

The latest identifications re-

ported by the military: ■ Army Staff Sgt. Henry E. Irizarry, 38, New York; died Friday in Taji when an explo-sive detonated near his vehicle; assigned to the 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry Regiment, New York.

Army Spc. David P. Mahlenbrock, 20, Maple Shade, N.J.; died Friday in Kirkuk when he was clearing a route and an explosive detonated; assigned to the 65th Engineer Battalion, 25th Infantry Divi-sion (Light), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

■ Army Sgt. Cari A. Gasiewicz, 28, Depew, N.Y.; died Saturday in Baqoubah when two explosives detonated near her convoy; assigned to the 202nd Military Intelligence Battalion, 513th Mili-tary Intelligence Brigade, Fort Gordon, Ga

■ Marine Cpl. Binh N. Le, 20, Alexandria, Va., and Ma-rine Cpl. Matthew A. Wyatt, 21, Millstadt, Ill. Both Marines died Friday from injuries received in action in Anbar province; assigned to 5th Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C

■ Army Staff Sgt. Salamo J. Tuialuuluu, 23, of Pago Pago, American Samoa, and Army Sgt. David A. Mitts, 24, of Ham-mond, Ore. Both soldiers died Saturday in Mosul when their vehicle was attacked; assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Stryk-er Brigade Combat Team), Fort Lewis, Wash.

## Iraq official: Insurgents cross border too easily

By NICK WADHAMS The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq's deputy prime minister on Tuesday expressed his growing impa-tience with neighboring countries for not doing enough to keep foreign fighters from joining the insurgency here, and warned that his government would take a "decisive stance" if they don't do more.

Also Tuesday, two U.S. servicemembers were killed, the military said. A soldier was slain by small-arms fire while on patrol in Baghdad and a Marine died in a vehicle accident in the western Anbar province.

In Russia, President Vladimir Putin said Tuesday he could not imagine how Iraqi elec-tions scheduled for Jan. 30 could be held under current conditions. Insurgents in the country have killed more than 80 Iraqis in a string of attacks since Friday, and Iraq's Sunni Arab Muslims are demanding the vote be postponed.

"Honestly speaking, I cannot imagine how it is possible to organize elections under the conditions of occupation by foreign forces, Putin said in televised comments during a Kremlin meeting with Iraqi interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi.

Barham Saleh, speaking to the Iraqi National Council, did not say which countries were to blame for not tightening border crossings. though he did say that on Monday, Iraqi po lice had arrested a Syrian citizen driving a car bomb packed with artillery shells and other explosives

There is evidence indicating that some



U.S. troops inspect a shop in Baghdad that was destroyed by an explosion early Tuesday. The shop, close to Baghdad's dangerous airport highway, according to neighbors, was bombed after the owner refused to cooperate with insurgents.

groups in some neighboring countries are playing a direct role in the killing of the Iraqi people and such thing is not acceptable to us Saleh said, adding that talks with foreign leaders to stop the problem had gotten nowhere.

"In my opinion, we have reached a stage in which if we do not see a real response from those countries, then we are obliged to take a decisive stance," Saleh said, without giving de-

In the past, Iraq has blamed much of its insurgency on foreign fighters and has called on its neighbors — particularly Syria and Iran to more closely guard their borders against in-

Neighboring countries have expressed concern that instability in Iraq poses a threat to the entire region.

The U.S. military said American troops had

captured 34 Iraqis, including 10 wanted for making explosive devices to attack coalition South of Baghdad, a roadside bomb killed three Iraqi National Guardsmen.

Soldiers from the 1st Infantry Division detained seven members of a car bomb-making cell Monday evening in As Siniyah, about 150 miles north of Baghdad. Another seven people, including three suspects wanted for making roadside bombs, were captured during raids Monday in Tikrit, Saddam Hussein's hometown, about 80 miles north of Baghdad.

In the roadside bombing, the Iraqi National Guardsmen were patrolling an area near Jeba-la, about 40 miles south of Baghdad, on Monday evening when the attack occurred, an Iraqi National Guard official said on condition of ano nymity. The National Guard and other homegrown Iraqi security forces frequently are targeted by insurgents, who accuse them of collab-orating with U.S.-led occupation forces.



PHOTOS BY RON JENSEN/Stars and Strings

At a bridge floating on the Tigris River in Iraq, convoys often face long waits because only one truck can cross at a time. During one recent mission, members of the 369th Transportation Company had to wait nervously for four hours as other convoys made their way across the bridge. A new bridge is being built by Marines that will be able to handle more traffic.

# 'Is today the day?'

## Convoy's daily grind makes for a long haul

BY RON JENSEN Stars and Stripes

LOGISTICS SUPPORT AREA ANA-CONDA, Iraq - Sgt. 1st Class Ricky Hill, a quiet man from southern Virginia, gathered the 21 drivers convoying fuel and other supplies to Forward Operating Base

It was not yet dawn and Hill, 47, who has two sons serving in Iraq and another on the way this month, was the convoy's com-

"If you take small arms fire, turn on your turn signal on the side it's coming from," he told the drivers, using a flashlight to read his notes. If someone is wounded, turn on the emergency lights. If a vehicle has a mechanical problem, flash the headlights. With a final note about insurgents "caus-

ing havoc" along the road, the convoy left with a gun truck in the lead and Hill following in an armored Humvee. The remaining 19 vehicles stretched for a good part of a

The road from LSA Anaconda to FOB Warhorse is as familiar to the soldiers of the 369th Transportation Company as their own back yards.

They know ev ry twist and turn, every



Sgt. Marina Kulesz offers a bag of cookies to a young Iraqi boy while the convoy is stopped for a river crossing. The unit makes the trip nearly every day and has befriended the young boy.

bump, every village and every palm grove that creeps close to the road, providing possible cover for an insurgent

They've driven the 25-mile route nearly every day since arriving in March and can point out the scarred holes along the pavement where roadside bombs, known as improvised explosive devices by troops, have detonated.

The Reserve unit from Wichita, Kan., has about 150 soldiers. It has collected numerous Purple Hearts. Two soldiers were wounded so seriously they were sent home. But insurgents have not taken the life of any member in the 369th

"We've all encountered small arms fire," said Sgt. 1st Class Larry Boudreau from West Virginia, "I don't think there's a person in the company that hasn't encoun-

tered an IED." "All you can hear is your heart," said 20-year-old Sgt. Tamara Holub, describing the moments after a roadside bomb ex-

A few days earlier, the company was de-layed for several hours by eight roadside bombs on the way to Warhorse, all of them spotted before they could do any damage.

Risk is part of every convoy's load Everyday we go out the north gate [of we see the sign: 'Is to " said Holub, a driver from Wichita,

Kan. "Every time you see that sign, you think about it Yet they drive. Most have completed more than 100 missions, many close to 200.

The people of the 369th come from more than 20 states, although most are from Kansas. They are students, mechanics and truck drivers in civilian life

But in Iraq, they are soldiers who move supplies to other soldiers, "Strap tight, fit to fight" is the company motto, succinctly summing up the two jobs.

"Every other day, we go on missions," said Spc. Ryan Wade, 20, a driver from southeastern Kansas. "The day we're off. we're working on the trucks, sandbagging our trailers."

They have driven other routes - as far north as Mosul and as far south as Kuwait. But every day, the company sends a con-

voy from Anaconda to Warhorse The familiarity has given them an advantage. They know what's there, and they

know what shouldn't be there "I'm looking for discrepancies, some-thing out of place," said Staff Sgt. Christopher Koeppel, 31, from Wichita

Was that abandoned car there yesterday? Are the children, ubiquitous for much of the route, absent from the spot where they normally stand to wave and ask for handouts? Sgt. Christopher Collins, a college stu-



from Wichita, Kan., keeps an eye on his lead gun truck while commanding a convoy recently between two bases in Irag. Two of Hill's sons are also serving in Irag, and a third

dent from Kansas City, Mo., remembered riding in a gun truck when someone opened up on the convoy.

"I saw a muzzle flash coming from a blue truck," he said. "I let them have it." It was instinct, he said, a case of training

machine gun he manned that day. "If you're going to be talking," h
"that's a good one to be talking with

Along the way, there are a couple of worrisome spots. At a floating bridge across the Tigris.

only one truck can cross at

This takes more than 30 minutes, as vehicles must wait on the far side. Hill spends that time nervously watching and tracking each vehicle crossing with his radio

Another unsettling snot is the town of Al Khalis, which bristles with traffic. Convoys hate traffic. Other vehicles can slow a convoy almost to a halt, making it vulnerable, or they can slip between two convoy vehi

"If anybody gets inside our convoy," Koeppel said, "it makes your hair stand

In recent months, U.S. convoys around Iraq have come across a new insurgent at-tack method: the VBIED, which stands for vehicle-borne improvised explosive device. Someone drives up to a convoy, opens the door or window and tosses a bomb at a truck.

You have to be aggressive here, dreau said as the convoy reached Al Kha-lis, and cars, trucks and donkey carts entered the road from both sides. "You don't want to be trapped. That's

what the insurgents want to see."

The convoy arrived at FOB Warhorse without incident. Some ate breakfast while others unloaded the trucks.

A few vehicles get added to the convoy returning to LSA Anaconda. Hill gave pretty much the same cautionary spiel as he d that morning.

The traffic in Al Khalis was still a bother. but the convoy made it through. The river crossing, however, was a farce.

Several convovs had converged on the tender float bridge at the same time from both sides. It would be a four-hour wait for Hill's convoy to cross.

During the wait, he maintained his ever-present nervous look. Some of his soldiers pulled security while others played with the children that inevitably approached U.S. soldiers

The children asked for handouts — anything from food to pens to sunglasses.

"Give me," they said over an acting at what they wanted.
"They don't know no better," Hill said.
By the time the convoy returned
By the time the convoy returned
a more a fading by the time the convoy returned through the north gate of Anaconda, all that remained of daylight was a fading streak of orange along the western hori-zon. The soldiers still had to unload the trucks and refuel them for the next day's

mission.

Holub was asked how the soldiers are able to stand the pace for 12 months.

"We don't," she said. "We stand it for nine. We just hang on for the other three."

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# **Court-martial to hear alleged 'mercy' killing**

A 1st Armored Division officer will stand trial on a charge that he fatally shot an unarmed, wounded Iraqi man while his unit was deployed

downrange Capt. Rogelio M. Maynulet, 29, of Chicago, now assigned to the division's Headquarters and Headquarters Company, will be court-martialed on charges of assault with intent to commit murder and dereliction of duty, according to a 1st AD release. news



faces a maximum combined sentence of 201/2 years in prison, said Mai, Michael Indovina, the 1st AD public affairs officer.

While awaiting trial. Maynulet is not in custody and has been "conducting normal been under review, Indovina saidr

Maynulet, who at the time of the shooting was commander of Company A, 2nd Battalion, 37th Armor Regiment, faces the charges from a May 21 incident near Kufa.

Maynulet was leading his tank company on a patrol when they came across a BMW sedan believed to be carrying a driver for radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr and another militiaman loval to the cleric. whose supporters rose up against U.S. forces twice this year.

U.S. soldiers chased the vehicle and fired shots at it, wounding both the driver

and passenger When a medic pulled the driver out of the car, it was clear he had suffered critical injuries, with part of his skull blown away. according to testimony during the Article 32 hearing

Maynulet's fellow officer, 1st Lt. Colin Cremin, testified that Maynulet told him he then shot the Iraqi in the base of the

"It was something he didn't want to do, but it was the compassionate response, Cremin testified. "It was definitely the humane response.

During Maynulet's Article 32 hearing, which is similar to a civilian grand jury, the shooting was described by prosecutors as murder and by others as an "act of

Maj. Gen. Martin Dempsey, the 1st AD commander, had received the case after the October hearing in Hanau, Germany, found that there was enough evidence for a court-martial. Dempsey decided on Monday to forward the case to a general court-martial.

Indovina said he couldn't release the amount of time it took Dempsey to decide the case

A judge has vet to be assigned to the case. When that happens, the judge will determine the trial dates and venue and possibly set an arraignment date.

Staff writers Jason Chudy and Kent Harris and The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Ohio soldier's hearing closes

BAGHDAD — A two-day military court hearing closed Tuesday into the case of a U.S. soldier charged with murdering an Iraqi man and making a false

statement regarding the incident. Spc. Brent May, 22, of Salem, Ohio, is charged with the August murder of an Iraqi civilian in Baghdad's impover-ished Sadr City, the scene of fierce clashes between American-led coalition forces and Shiite rebels allied to fire-brand anti-U.S. cleric Muqtada al-Sadr.

May also faces one charge of falsifying an official statement, or deposition, regarding the alleged murder. The soldier is attached to Company C,

1st Battalion, 41st Infantry Regiment, from Fort Riley, Kansas, and was charged in September — along with Sgt. Michael P. Williams, 25, of Memphis, Tennessee — with three counts of premeditated murder of three Iragis

Williams has not vet been brought before a military court.

## Report: CIA warns of growing danger in Iraq

WASHINGTON - A classified cable sent by the Central Intelligence Agency's station chief in Baghdad has warned that the situation in Iraq is deteriorating and may not rebound any time soon, government officials told The New York Times The cable, sent late last month as the of-

ficer ended a yearlong tour, presented a bleak assessment on matters of politics, economics and security, the Times report-

ed in its Tuesday editions. Officials reportedly described the two as-

Classified cable from Baghdad station chief said Iraqi government must assert authority

sessments as "mixed," saying that they did describe Iraq as having made important progress, particularly in terms of its political process, and credited Iraqis with being

But overall, the officials described the station chief's cable in particular as an unvar-nished assessment of the difficulties ahead in Iraq. They told the Times that it warned that the security situation was likely to get worse, including more violence and sectarian clashes, unless there were marked improvements soon on the part of the Iraqi government, in terms of its ability to assert au-

thority and to build the economy Together, the appraisals, which follow in Washington and in the field, were much more pessimistic than the public picture being offered by the Bush administration, the officials told the paper.

The top American military commander in Iraq, Gen. George W. Casey Jr., reviewed the cable and initially offered no obiections, the officials said.

One official said, however, that Casey may have voiced objections in recent

## Abizaid: Role of troops in Iraq may be shifting

BY BRADLEY GRAHAM

The Washington Post

CAMP AS SAYLIYAH, Qatar Army Gen, John Abizaid, the commander of U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf region, raised the possibility Monday that U.S. force es in Iraq could start to be reshaped as early as next year to reduce the number of combat troops and concentrate on the development of Iraqi security forces

Abizaid declined in an interview to set a timetable for the shift, saying it would depend on the outcome of national elections in January and evidence that Iraqi forces could assume a greater share of combat operations against the country's entrenched insurgency.

This outlook, expressed by Abizaid and other senior U.S. manders, comes in the face of a series of brazen attacks by insurgents intent on disrupting the elections and terrorizing Iraq's fledging security services. The violence, together with a campaign of intimidation aimed at those associated with the new governing structures or with the Americans, has deepened perceptions of insecurity, particularly in areas heavily populated by Sunni Arabs, It

also contributed to a Pentagon decision last week to boost the U.S. force to 150,000 troops

While acknowledging concern about the performance of Iraqi forces and about heavy insurgent activity in such key cities as Mosul, Abizaid said he also saw reasons to be optimistic.

"What's encouraging to me is that despite the very high levels of intimidation, that there are plenty of people within the Sunni Arab community who are coming forward, both politically and mil tarily, to play a role in the future of their country," the general

Abizaid said the reshaping of the force would make combat operations by U.S. and other foreign troops "secondary to the training effort." That would mean, among other changes, "more embedded trainers" and possibly a larger number of special operations forces in place of conventional ones, he said

The multinational force, he added, would be smaller, more mobile and "more focused on presence than it is on conducting day-to-day combat operations, but it would remain available to back up Iraqi troops if needed

'We can't predict what's going



Gen. John Ahizaid

to happen after the elections," he But if the circumstances are such that, as in Afghanistan the political process leads to bet-ter security ... and if the Iraqi security forces start to gel in terms of leadership and seasoning in important areas around the country which I think will happen then we can talk about reshaping our forces

The performance of Iraqi forces under fire has been uneven with many army and National Guard units tending to hold their ground but local police often proving little match for insurgents Abizaid acknowledged that the homegrown forces generally "are not as mature as they need to be for the security environment that's going to exist in the next several months," which he said led to the increase in the U.S.

## Army reopens investigation into Ranger Tillman's death

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WASHINGTON - The Army has opened a new investigation into the friendly fire death in Afghanistan of Pat Tillman, who guit the NFL to be a Ranger, officials said Monday. Army officials said Tillman's

family sought additional information about circumstances of his April 22 death.

but the funda mental account of the battle in which he was killed is not chal being

lenged. "The family asked anes tions, and we're

looking to get answers to the questions," said Army spokesman Paul Boyce. Officials declined to be more specific.

The Army's Special Operations Command, based at Fort Bragg, N.C., is conducting the investigation, said command spokeswoman Carol Darby.

Then-acting Army Secretary Les Brownlee ordered the new investigation in mid-November based on the family's questions, Army officials said.

The results of original Army investigation were released on May

It found that Tillman was shot to death on April 22 after a U.S. soldier mistakenly fired on a friendly Afghan soldier in Tillman's unit, and other U.S. sol-diers then fired in the same direc-

Initial reports by the Army 44 The family asked that Tillman killed by was enemy gunfire when he led his team to help another group of ambushed soldiers

Paul Boyce Army spokesman

Tillman, left his position as a starting safety for the Arizona Cardinals to join the Army after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. He was posthumously promoted from specialist to cornoral and received nosthu-

mously a Purple Heart and Silver Star. The latter is among the mili tary's highest honors, awarded for gallantry on the battlefield. No soldiers faced judicial ac

tion as a result of his death, but several were disciplined, Darby said

# Putin says time not yet right for Iraqi elections

BY ALEX NICHOLSON
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russian President Vladimir Putin said Tuesday he could not imagine how Iraqi elections scheduled for Jan. 30 could be held under current conditions.

"Honestly speaking, I cannot imagine how it is possible to organize elections under conditions of total occupation by foreign forces." Putin said during a Kremlin meeting with Iraqi interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi.

"At the same time, I don't understand how you alone can remedy the situation in the country and prevent its disintegration," Putin said, addressing Allawi

The Bush administration has said it plans to stick to the Jan. 30 date despite the ongoing vio-

Putin's remarks on the Iraqi

elections followed angry words in the past several days apparently directed at Western countries for their criticism of elections in Ukraine. The victory of a candidate supported by Putin, Viktor Yanukovych, was overturned by the Supreme Court amid allegations of

fraud, and a revote with opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko set for Dec. 26.

Many Russian officials and analysts regard U.S. and European critisism not as support

pean criticism not as support for democracy but as an effort to extend Western influence in Ukraine. Putin also said he expected the interests of Russian compa-

the interests of Russian companies to be considered in Iraqi reconstruction, given that Russia was willing to join in writing off 80 percent of Iraq's debts to the Paris Club of creditor nations.

Russia, he said, had written off more than other countries,



Russian President Vladimir Putin, right, greets Iraqi interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi on Tuesday during their meeting at the Kremlin in Moscow. Putin said he could not imagine how Iraqi elections scheduled for Ian. 30 could be held under current conditions.

some 90 percent of what was owed "out of feelings of solidarity for our friends the Iraqi people." The decision has reduced Iraq's debts to Russia to about \$1 billion.

"At the same time we believe that the interests of our country must be taken into account by your leadership and by the future government following the elections," Putin said.

Allawi thanked Putin and said that "doubtless, this will help Russia play a leading role in the reconstruction of Iraq's industry and economy." "This visit will encourage the restoration of the historic relations between our two people," he said.

Putin has warned before that continued fighting in Iraq was threatening the possibility of a democratic vote.

"All this will definitely call in question the possibility of holding honest and democratic elections in Iraq early next year," he said Friday, during a three-day state visit to India.

A number of Iraq's political parties have urged delay on the elections.

#### GI iailed for sex with minor

WÜRZBURG, Germany — A Schweinfurt-based soldier has been sentenced to a year in prison for carrying on a sexual relationship with the 14-year-old daughter of another soldier, according to a case summary from the 1st Infantry Division's Staff Judee Advocate's office.

Pvt. Tyler Hall, 20, of the 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, pleaded guilty to one count of carnal knowledge and one count of violating an order at a general court-martial Friday.

On April 2, Hall was pulled over by German police and found to be driving with a U.S. Army Europe driver's license that had been revoked three months earlier because of a drunken-driving offense, the

Three weeks later, Hall began a relationship with the 14-year-old girl that lasted a month. He had sex with her about 10 times, said Capt. Zahid Quraishi, the military prosecutor, and warned her not to tell anyone about it because he would get into trouble.

Judge (Lt. Col.) Robin Hall sentenced him to 40 months in prison, total forfeiture of all pay, and a dishonorable discharge. Under the terms of a pretrial agreement, the jail term was limited to 12 months.

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Pvt. Hall did not deploy with his 1st Infantry Division unit, which currently is serving in Iraq.

#### Musharraf: Focus on training

LONDON — Pakistan President Gen. Pervez Musharraf said Tuesday that the training of Iraqi security forces should be sped up, and suggested his country might help.

Speaking to British lawmakers during a visit to London, Musharraf said the U.S.-led coalition must not abandon Iraq. But without training Iraqi military and police, he said, foreign troops would have no exit strategy. Such training should be "outsourced" to

other countries, he said, and suggested Pakistan might "like to look into how much we can contribute."

## or, agents detailed abusive Soldier looks to Canada

TORONTO — An Army private seeking refugee status in Canada after refusing to serve in Iraq told immigration officials on Monday that the war is illegal and would have forced him to commit war crimes.

Pfc. Jeremy Hinzman, 26, fled from Fort Bragg, N.C., on Jan. 2 and lives in Toronto with his 31-year-old wife, Nga Nguyen, and 2-year-old son, Liam.

Hinzman told the Immigration and Refugee Board the war in Iraq was illegal and fighting in it would have made him a war criminal. He also said he would be persecuted if forced to return to the United States.

A member of the 82nd Airborne Division, Hinzman could face charges as a deserter if sent home and face up to five years in prison. He left his unit about two weeks after learning his outfit would be sent to Iraq.

## **Dutchman to face charges**

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands — Prosecutors said Tuesday they will charge a 62-year-old Dutchman as an accomplice to genocide and other war crimes for supplying Saddam Hussein's regime with lethal chemicals that were used in the 1988 chemical attack on the Kurdish town of Halabia.

Wim de Bruin of the national prosecutor's office said the man, who was arrested in Amsterdam on Monday, will face charges "for violating the laws of war and involvement in genocide."

"The man is suspected of delivering thousands of tons of raw materials for chemical weapons to the former regime in Baghdad between 1984 and 1988," prosecutors said in a statement.

From staff and wire reports

# FBI noted harsh treatment at Gitmo



A detainee washes himself before praying inside his cell in Camp Delta at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba, in June. In a July 14, 2004, letter to Army Maj. Gen. Donald J. Ryder, the FBI complained of harsh interrogations witnessed by agents in 2002.

## In letter to Army investigator, agents detailed abusive interrogation practices used on terror suspects in Cuba

BY PAISLEY DODDS
The Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — FBI agents witnessed "highly aggressive" interrogations of terror suspects at the Guantanamo Bay prison camp in 2002, and warned the same questionable techniques could have been used in Iraq after the Abu Ghraib prison scandal broke, according to FBI documents obtained by The Associated Press and the American Civil Liberties Union.

In a letter obtained by AP, a senior Justice Department official suggested the Pentagon didn't act on PBI complaints about four incidents at Guantanamo, including a female interrogator grabbing a detaince's genitals and bending back his thumbs, another where a prisoner was gagged with to intimidate a detaince who later was thrown into isolation and showed signs of "extreme psychological trauma."

One Marine told an FBI observer that some interrogations led to prisoners "curling into a fetal position on the floor and crying in pain," according to the letter dated July 14, 2004.

Thomas Harrington, an FBI counterterrorism expert who led a team of investigators at Guantanamo Bay, wrote the letter to Maj. Gen. Donald J. Ryder, the Army's chief law enforcement officer who's investigating abuses at U.S.-run prisons in Afehanistan. Irao and at Guantanamo.

Harrington said FBI officials complained about the pattern of abusive techniques to top Defense Department attorneys in January 2003, and it appeared that nothing was done. Although a senior PBI attorney "was assured that the general concerns expressed, and the debate between the FBI and DoD regarding the treatment of detainees was known to officials in the Pentagon, I have no record that our specific concerns regarding these three situations were communicated to the Department of Defense for appropriate action." Harrington wrote.

Three of the four incidents mentioned in the letter occurred under the watch of Gen. Geoffrey D. Miller, who ran the Guantanamo camp from October 2002 to March 2004, and left to run Abu Ghraib prison. Last month, Miller was reassigned to the Pentagon, with responsibility for housing and other support operations.

The ACLU planned Tuesday to release

The ACLU planned Tuesday to release internal government memos that underscore the friction between the FBI and the military over interrogation methods.

In one document obtained by the ACLU, an FBI agent recalls Miller wanting to "Gitmo-ize" the Abu Ghraib prison, where photographs surfaced of U.S. troops forcing Iraqi prisoners to strip and pose in sexually humiliating positions.

Brig. Gen. Jay Hood, the current commander of the mission in Guantanamo, said allegations of mistreatment and abuse are taken seriously and investigated. "The appropriate actions were taken. Some allegations are still under investigation," Hood told AP.

None of the people named in the letter are still at the base, a Guantanamo spokesman said, but it wasn't clear if any disciplinary action had been taken. The letter identified the military interrogators only by last name and rank, and mentioned a civilian contractor.

# **Abu Ghraib defendants gain little at hearings**

BY T.A. BADGER The Associated Press

FORT HOOD Teyes - After two days of legal hearings, three soldiers accused of abusing detainees at Abu Ghraib are relying on the same legal argument as before: they had no choice but to follow orders from higher-ups inside the notorious Iraqi prison.

On Monday, lawyers for Spc. Charles Graner Jr., considered a ringleader in the abuse scandal, lost a bold bid to have charges against him dismissed on the grounds that statements by President Bush and others would make it impossible for him to get a fair trial

judge presiding, rejected that argu-ment, saying what the president, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and other top leaders said about Abu Ghraib does not appear specific enough to taint the jury pool for Graner's trial.

But Pohl said he might revisit the issue if it becomes apparent that prospective jurors have been influenced to the degree that Graner's right to a fair trial is jeopar-

The Army reservist from Uniontown, Pa., is scheduled for trial at

Fort Hood beginning Jan. 7. Sgt. Javal Davis of Roselle, N.J. is set for trial here in early FebruLorton, Va., in late March.

Lawyers for Davis have said that they also will argue for dismissal due to unlawful command influence.

Because the president, Rumsfeld and Myers are at the top of Graner's chain of command. defense lawyer Guy Womack argued their statements add up to unlawful command influence over the yet-to-selected jurors.

But Womack conceded under oners, stomping their hands and persistent questioning by Pohl feet, and punching one man in the that the word "guilty" was never used in any of the statements in and require medical attention. question, nor was Graner ever mentioned by name by the high-ranking officials. dered by higher-ranking soldiers

bers of the Maryland-based 372nd up for interrogators. The judge also rejected Gran-r's request for testimony from Lt. Military Police Company accused of assaulting and humiliating male detainees at the Baghdad prison in

Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, the Texan who formerly commanded U.S. forces in Iraq, regarding a purport-ed order by the general that detain-ees be subjected to tougher interro-

gations Davis, however, persuaded Pohl on Saturday to compel Brig. Gen. Janis Karpinski, former commander at Abu Ghraib, to testify at his

But the judge said Karpinski's testimony would be limited in scope to such subjects as conditions inside the prison and the relationship there between guards and military interrogators.



Gen. Peter Pace, the vice chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, left, smiles with unidentified Georgian soldiers at a military base near Tbilisi. Georgia, on Monday. The United States will launch a new \$40 million military training program in Georgia early next year, a top U.S. general said Monday.

## New training program for Georgia

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The Associated Press

KRTSANISI, Georgia - The United States will launch a new \$40 million training program in Georgia early next year, a top U.S. general said Monday, reflecting Washington's deepening commitment to the strategically located Caucasus Mountains nation.

"Right now, the plan calls for training four more battalions two Marine and two logistics," said Gen. Peter Pace, the vice chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, during a visit to the Georgian Defense Ministry's Krtsanisi national training center.

He said the new program high-lighted Georgia's contribution to the war on terror. The United States recently con-

cluded a \$64 million program to train four Georgian battalions — more than 2.000 soldiers — in anti-terrorism tactics.

That program started amid growing concerns over the presence in Georgia of rebels from neighboring Chechnya, where Russian forces and separatist fighters have been battling since 1999. Rebels used Georgia's rugged Pankisi Gorge region, just south of Chechnya, for hiding and regrouping

which has jealously watched Georgia's efforts to forge closer ties with the West, has been wary about stepped up U.S. engagement in Georgia, which in-cluded deployment of 80 to 100 military trainers.

The new U.S. program, which will involve 70 U.S. instructors, came in response to Georgia's decision to increase its troop size in Iraq from 150 to 850 soldiers next

Pace said the new U.S. initiative, called the Sustainment and Stability Operations Program would focus on training Georgian soldiers to support U.S.-led coali-

## Military radio signal is problematic off base BY JOHN J. LUMPKIN

The Associated Press

Charges against him include

conspiracy to maltreat detainees.

assault, committing indecent acts,

obstruction of justice and adul-

tery. He faces up to 24 years in

He is accused of jumping on pris-

head hard enough to knock him out

and other government agents to go

Womack says Graner was or-

late 2003

soon to dozens of military bases around the country: radio signals strong enough to jam nearby garage-door openers

Between now and 2008, the military is supplying a new radio system to roughly 125 bases that uses the same frequency as the one relied upon by more than 90 percent of the remotely operated openers, Pentagon and industry officials

The military radio signal is sometimes so strong that it overpowers the opener's signal, preventing the door from opening

Or it can also vastly reduce the opener's range, forcing the user to walk close to the garage before it will open. Unless another solution is reached, the consumer will either have to live with the inconvenience or pay to fix the problem.

The cheapest fix would be to manually replace parts of the opener so it will use a different frequency — probably a \$60 job, said Mark Karasek, technical director of a manufacturers' group formed in response to the military radio rollout. Calling a technician to do it for you will probably run double that, he said.

This presumes consumers figure out what is wrong. When a garage door doesn't open, people will generally replace the battery, then the opener itself. A new opener can run \$150 or \$200 before instal-

Government and industry officials differ on how widespread the effect will be. The government predicts it will be limited; the industry says it will be worse but wants more information from the mili-Linton Wells II. Pentagon acting

chief information officer, predict ed the effect will only be noticed within 10 miles of a base But Karasek said interference

may be felt as far away as 50 It is unknown how many garage

doors are close enough to one of the 125 bases to be affected, and Pentagon officials refused to list which bases would receive the new radios



Garage door opener manufacturers compete for a close look at electronic instruments inside a parked vehicle as a garage door in the background refuses to close in Valparaiso, Fla. The group, some from as far away as Germa ny, were participating in a session in August dealing with problems caused by radio signals from nearby Elgin Air Force Base.

## Woman convicted of killing Air Force husband to be with Army lover

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. - A woman has been sentenced to life in prison for killing her husband, an Air Force officer, so she could be with her lover, an enlisted Army soldier

Michelle Theer, 33, was sentenced after

gree murder and conspiracy to commit murder in the December 2000 shooting death of Capt. Marty Theer.

Theer's lawyer, Kirk Osborn, said she will appeal the decision

In closing statements Thursday, prosecutors described Theer as the mastermind be-

They said Theer conspired with Staff Sgt. John Diamond to kill her husband. After the slaying, she fled to Florida and lived there until she was tracked down by authorities

Diamond is serving a life sentence in a military prison for murdering Marty The defense argued the case was about

murder, not adultery, and that the state's Theer was "not on trial for having sex

with many men. She is not on trial for having a sexual addiction, if that is what she had," said her lawver, Kirk Osborn,

## IN THE STATES

# House agrees to vote on intelligence bill

BY JESSE J. HOLLAND

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Republican-controlled House agreed Tuesday to vote to overhaul the nation's intelligence agencies now that President Rush and House Armed Services chairman Duncan Hunter have endorsed a provision guaranteeing battlefield commanders access to top-secret infor-

A vote could come late Tuesday, House Intelligence chairman Pete Hoekstra, R-Mich., said, after getting the approval of the majority of House Republicans at a morning meeting.

While several House Republicans still oppose the compromise version of the bill. Hoekstra is confident the legislation will win the approval of a majority of the House GOP — a condition set by House Speaker Dennis Hastert,

Bush has called on Congress for months to pass legislation implementing the Sept. 11 commission's recommendations to protect the nation from terrorists But House GOP leaders have been holding up the bill because of Hunter's concerns that it might interfere with the military's ability to get vital information

But Hunter now supports it because House-Senate negotiators added language to ensure that Defense Department officials would have priority in battlefield areas over the nation's spy satellites and

other intelligence equipment. The California congressman telligence director, a position the legislation would create to coordinate spy agencies, would have been able to insert himself into the chain of command from the president to the commanders in the

Lawmakers from both parties expect the bill to pass and said its reforms were long overdue.

"We have not in 50 years changed the intelligence system. We've never walked away from the Cold War model," Sen. Jay Rockefeller of West Virginia, the ranking Democrat on the Senate Intelligence Committee, said Tues-day on CBS' "The Early Show." We now have a bill which will pass both houses, I hope, that will change the intelligence system and head it in the right direction."

Even if some Republicans opose the bill, supporters in the House and Senate say they have enough votes to pass the legislation. The legislation also would cement into law the existence of a national counterintelligence center to coordinate the nation's fight against terrorism.



George Smith, 80, of Tenino, Wash., left, and George Brown, 83, of Honolulu, salute before the dedication ceremony for the USS Oklahor exhibit at the Arizona Memorial Museum in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on Monday. A new exhibit was being unveiled to honor the 429 men from the Oklahoma who died in the Dec. 7, 1941, attack.

## Survivors mark anniversary of Pearl Harbor

BY JAYMES SONG The Associated Press

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii aul Goodyear was stand-ing on a signal bridge on the starboard side of the USS Oklahoma in 1941 when bombs started falling from the sky and torpedoes zeroed in

Explosions screams chaos and gunfire shattered the calm morning of that Dec. 7, and within 12 minutes, the massive battleship rolled over and cansized tranning hundreds of men below deck.

Sixty-three years later, Goodvear can still hear their cries and tapping for help.

Goodyear, 86, and a dwindling number of survivors returned to the site of their most haunting memories to honor the 429 men from the Oklahoma and nearly 2.000 others who died in the Japa nese sneak attack that nlunged the United States into World War II.

"There's a great bond between us," Goodyear said.

Goodyear was a 23-year-old petty officer in 1941 whose life was saved when, after he jumped into the burning waters of the har-bor, someone threw him a line

from the USS Maryland and he was able to pull himself up.

The USS Oklahoma suffered the second-highest number of Pearl Harbor casualties behind the USS Arizona, where most of its 1,177 killed crewmen remain entombed after the ship sank

The anniversary was marked with simultaneous ceremonies Tuesday aboard the USS Arizona Memorial above that sunken battleship, and on shore. Each cere mony featured a moment of silence at 7:55 a.m. — the minute the attack started.

Goodyear, head of the USS Oklahoma Survivors Association, joined four other survivors and about two dozen friends and family Monday evening for the unveiling of a permanent exhibit on the Oklahoma. Although they were pleased with the small exhibit in the Arizona museum, survivors of the USS Oklahoma are pressing for a permanent memorial.

Goodyear said he also wants the USS Arizona Memorial's named changed to the Pearl Harbor Memorial or the Memorial of the Pacific. The National Park Service, which operates the Arizona Memorial, said it is consider ing changing the name and broadening the museum's scope.

## WTC attacks deemed separate

BY LARRY NEUMEISTER The Associated Press

NEW YORK - The Sept. 11 attack on the World Trade Center was two separate occurrences for insurance purposes, a federal jury decided, meaning leaseholder Larry Silverstein stands to collect up to \$4.6 billion.

The trial, which ended after 11 days of deliberations, was the first in which jurors were asked to decide whether the terrorist attack that killed 2,749 people could be considered two attacks since two planes hit two separate towers.

The verdict Monday in U.S. District Court in Manhattan was the latest twist in Silverstein's efforts to file separate claims for \$7 billion, or two full payouts under the \$3.5 billion worth of insurance coverage he took out on the trade center complex. Silverstein lost a first trial on

the issue earlier this year, but a separate jury said Monday that Silverstein is entitled to collect a double payout from nine insurers who accounted for \$1.1 billion of the overall coverage

In the earlier trial, the jury re-jected Silverstein's contention that an insurance document defining the attack as one event did not bind some of the 24 insurance companies holding the bulk of the

Silverstein still must go to a three-person appraisal panel to collect the money. The insurers are expected to appeal the deci-

In a statement, Silverstein said he was thrilled with the verdict and cast it as a victory for all New Yorkers because it secures additional money to rebuild the trade

enter complex.

Regardless of the insurance payout, Silverstein and redevelopment officials have promised to re-build the trade center complex in the next decade

The insurance companies involved in the case were: Travelers Indemnity Co., Industrial Risk Insurers, Royal Indemnity Co., Allianz Insurance Co., Tokio Marine and Fire Insurance Co., Twin City Fire Insurance Co., Tig Insurance Co., Westfield WTC LLC and Zur-ich American Insurance Co.

## Supreme Court mulls wine issue

BY HOPE YEN

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - State laws barring people from buying wine directly from out-of-state suppliers should be struck down as unconstitutional, the Supreme Court was told Tuesday, as it heard argu-ments in a case that could lead to sweeping changes on how alcoholic beverages are regulated and sold

Justices heard arguments in three appeals involv-ing laws in Michigan and New York that allow direct instate, but not out-of-state, shipments. The dispute pits regulators and wholesalers against out-of-state wineries that want to sell alcohol to consumers, mostly over the Internet or by phone.

"A state power over alcohol has ebbed and flowed over the years, but one principle has remained constant: States may regulate alcohol by only one set of rules," said Clint Bolick, who represents a family-run winery in Virginia that says the laws are discriminatory

Michigan solicitor general Thomas L. Casev, who avs states must control the distribution of alcohol as they see fit to protect minors, disagreed: "There are substantial differences between policing instate wineries and those out of state.

Several justices appeared troubled by the notion of unequal treatment, although they also seemed uncertain about whether overturning state laws that have been in place since Prohibition was the solution. The case involves a clash between two parts of the

Constitution, with lower courts divided over which section should hold sway.

On one side is the 21st Amendment, which ended

Prohibition in 1933 and explicitly granted states authority to regulate alcohol sales. Twenty-four states have laws that generally require outside wineries to sell their products through licensed wholesalers in the state. Michigan and New York allow instate Internet or telephone sales of alcoholic beverages. Some other states allow such sales, others do not

The Constitution also implicitly prohibits states from passing laws that discriminate against out-of-state businesses. That provision has been embraced by wine makers who hope to reach faraway Internet customers looking for favorite U.S. vintages unavailable in their home states.

While the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals sided

with New York in upholding the state restrictions, the 6th Circuit, based in Cincinnati, struck down Michigan's laws as unconstitutionally protectionist. The stakes are high in the \$21.6 billion wine industry.

## Agency: Foreign flu shots coming to U.S. to help with shortage

WASHINGTON — The government said Tuesday that flu vaccine manufactured in Germany was safe enough to be used in the United States and that as many as 4 million doses would be available to alleviate the U.S. shortage

Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson said the government was immediately buy-ing 1.2 million doses of the vaccine, called Fluarix, which will be available this month, and said British manufacturer GlaxoSmith(kine had agreed to make about 3 million more doses available later.)

The German-made vaccine, Fluarix, has not been licensed for use in the United States, so it will be available as an investigational new drug, meaning that it can be used but patients will have to sign a consent form acknowledging there could be risks.

From The Associated Pres.

# 300 Chicago firefighters battle blaze

By MAURA KELLY LANNAN

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — A stubborn fire raged for 5½ hours on the 29th floor of a historic downtown skyscraper, shooting flames from windows and sending at least 37 people to hospitals, most of them firefighters who suffered smoke inhalation. Some injuries were serious, but no deaths were reported.

Streets around the Art Deco-style building, the corporate headquarters of LaSalle Bank in the city's downtown Loop business district, were closed to pedestrians and traffic early Tuesday as officials investigated the cause and tried to determine if the building was structurally sound.

ing was structurary sound.

More than 300 firefighters battled the blaze Monday night, shooting water into the windows and sometimes standing on the building's wedding cake-like tiers to gain better access.

Of the 37 people injured, 22 were firefighters in moderate to serious condition, said fire commissioner Cortez Trotter. Most were being treated for smoke inhalation or minor injuries, officials said.

Bob Bailey, a partner in a commercial real estate law firm on the building's 39th floor, said he had to keep his head outside a window or near the ground because of the smoke until firefighters came and led



Chicago police and firefighters work near the scene of a high-rise building fire as smoke pours out of the building on Monday in Chicago. Authorities say 18 people were taken to the hospital.

him down an elevator. "We had our windows open in the office, and I had to put my coat on the door, so that smoke wouldn't start rolling in," he said. "For a

while, we weren't sure we were going to make it."
The fire at 135 S. LaSalle Street was reported
about 6:30 p.m. and extinguished about midnight.
Thick black smoke poured out of windows, and
metal window frames were twisted by the heat of

the blaze on the 29th and 30th floors.

More than one-third of the city's fire equipment was at the scene, and suburban fire departments sent crews into the city to act as backup.

# Possible ecoterrorism considered in Md. fires

BY STEPHEN MANNING

INDIAN HEAD, Md. — Investigators suspect arson in the fires that burned more than 40 homes in a posh subdivision under construction near a nature preserve, and the FBI said it would look into ecoterrorism as a possible into ecoterrorism as a possible.

motive.

Some \$10 million in damage was done as 41 homes burned Monday at the Hunters Brooke subdivision, about 25 miles south of Washington. A dozen of the

homes were destroyed.

Environmental and community groups tried to block the development in a lawsuit last year that claimed it would hurt one of the

nation's last undisturbed magnolia bogs.

Investigators confirmed arson caused the fires in at least four homes near Indian Head in Charles County, said Faron Taylor, a deputy state fire marshal.

Charles County, said Faron Taylor, a deputy state fire marshal.
"We are not going to reveal wherein the homes the fires were set, or the method of ignition," Taylor said Monday. "Only the Isuspects] and us know that, and we're not going to tip our hand." No injuries had been reported.

FBI spokesman Barry Maddox said ecoterrorism was one of the motives that would be investigated. Agents from the state fire marshal's office and the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives were also in-

vestigating.

The Sierra Club called the development of more than 300 homes "quintessential sprawl" in its Fall 2000 sprawl report, noting it is far from existing infrastructure and "threatens a fragile wetland and important historical and important historical and important historical the Sierra Club issued a statement Monday saying it "strongly condemns all acts of violence in the name of the environment."

In recent years, radical environmentalists have set fires at luxury housing developments under construction in San Diego and Detroit's outer suburbs and at a resort in Vail, Colorado.

Environmental groups and some county residents sued the Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers last year, claiming they had violated the Clean Water Act by granting permits that allowed construction at the Maryland site.

On July 23, U.S. District Judge Peter Messitite denied a request for an injunction against construction of the development, but ordered the Army Corp to provide a "more complete explanation" of its decision authorizing the sewer line and road in the subdivision. That same day, the Army Corp filed an appeal of that decision.

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# **Ohio finally certifies presidential election**

WELSH-HUGGINS The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — While Ohio has certified a 2 percent-age-point election victory for President Bush, scrutiny of the vote was expected to continue for several more days.

Independent candidates were prepared to demand recounts in all 88 counties Tuesday, action that election boards say they're ready for but don't believe is necessarv

"Our experience with recounts based on our system in Allen County show either no change in our count or one or two votes nossibly," said Keith Cunningham. the county's election board director and incoming president of the Ohio Association of Election Board Directors.

## Recounts pending in the tightest of races

Secretary of State Kenneth Blackwell certified Bush as the winner Monday based on official results from county election boards, with the final tally of 2.86 million votes for the Republican, or about 51 percent of the vote, and 2.74 million or 49 percent for

Democrat John Kerry The 118.775-vote lead was closer than unofficial election night results but not enough to trigger a mandatory recount. Absentee ballots and provisional votes counted after election night made most of the difference.

"Elections are human endeavors and as such they are never perfect," said Blackwell, a Repub-"But I can say with the fullest of confidence that this election in Ohio was perfectly inspiring."

The election hung on Ohio, a battleground state prized for its 20 electoral votes. Not until the morning after the election did Kerry, presented with the state's results, finally concede.

Presidential candidates for the Green and Libertarian parties raised the \$113,600 needed to pay for the recount under Ohio law. and will write individual checks to all 88 counties.

Counties have 10 days to start those recounts, allowed under state law, following Blackwell's certification.

The recount's goal is "to ensure that every citizen's vote is proper-ly counted," said John Bonifaz, general counsel for the Boston-based National Voting Rights

dependent candidates

The candidates, David Cobb of the Green Party and Michael Bednarik of the Libertarian Party, together received less than 0.5 percent of the Ohio vote.

Recount advocates have cited numerous Election Day problems, from long lines, a shortage of voting machines in predominantly minority neighborhoods and suspicious vote totals for can-

didates in scattered precincts. Republicans said the recount won't change anything.

"If there's a recount, there's oing to be two losers - John Kerry and the Ohio taxpayer, said Mark Weaver, a lawyer representing the Ohio Republican than \$1.5 million to find out what we already know.

The amount the independent candidates have raised is based on state law calculating the cost of a recount to be \$10 a precinct, but Blackwell's office has said a more realistic price tag is \$1.5 mil-

A Friday ruling by U.S. District Court Judge Edmund Sargus. striking down Delaware County's attempt to stop a recount, ensured the process will go forward.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson said Monday the Ohio Supreme Court should investigate Bush's win in Ohio because of "massive problems" with the voting.

The required filing with the Supreme Court, planned for Mon-day, was put off until at least Tuesday because of its complexity, said Cliff Arnebeck, a Columbus attorney representing the voters.

## Brace yourself for the flood of cause bracelets

By MARTHA IRVINE The Associated Press

CHICAGO - Jennifer Longley wears her yellow bracelet in honor of her many relatives who have had cancer, including a grandfather who lost his tongue and voice box and an aunt who died of ovarian cancer.

"I also wear it for me, because I know that this is something that I will continue to deal with in my future," says Longley, a 24-year-old who works for the Cornell University Press in Ithaca, N.Y. Jason "Jazz" Skipworth, a 26-year-old scientist at

the Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia, says his bracelet gives him "the extra motivation to work that much harder Eric Nobis an amateur bike rider in Seattle is con-

vinced that his bracelet "makes me cycle faster.

It's just a simple band of yellow rubber, which bears the word "LIVESTRONG" and sells for \$1 as a fund-raiser for the Lance Armstrong Foundation, an organization the celebrated cyclist began for fellow cancer survivors. But the vellow bracelet has become a must-have item — and has prompted charitable organizations nationwide to create their own versions, made with various colors materials and messages Some liken the fad to the POW-MIA bracelets neo-

ple wore for imprisoned and missing soldiers during the Vietnam War, or say the bracelets are the latest twist on the red and pink ribbons that have become synonymous with AIDS and breast cancer, respec-

Now red bracelets are being sold to raise money for everything from diabetes research to children with HIV. Vistacare, a health care company in Scottsdale, Ariz., is giving out burgundy bracelets with the word "Remember" to get people talking about the difficult topic of hospice care.

And Monday, the Ohio Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Foundation will start handing out orange bracelets as a conversation starter about the dangers of secondhand smoke Genny Neely, a 27-year-old New Yorker, is inter-

ested in getting several of the bracelets. She first saw the LIVESTRONG bands while visiting Chicago last summer and said, "I have to have one of those Now she plans to get a red one from the My Soldier campaign, a program started by an Iraq war vetsend them letters and care packages. It is a way to

show support for a charity, she says. Sometimes, however, the bracelet wearers are just fashionistas.

Jennifer Gear, a mom in Woburn, Mass., con-

cedes that her 9-year-old begged her for "one of those yellow bracelets that everybody has" without really knowing what they represent. But, she says, "My feeling is, 'What difference

does it make if it's going to a good cause?"

Still others say that, in a small way, the various bracelets help build a sense of community.

Jennifer Longley, of Ithaca, N.Y., shows off h vellow "LIVESTRONG" bracelet Wednesday that she wears to honor her relatives who have had cancer. The bracelets are a fund-raiser for the Lance Armstrong Foundation to help cancer survivors.

#### A bracelet for every cause

Some examples of organizations with fund-raiser bracelets, arranged by color:

RED: ■ The Diabetes Research Institute is raising funds with its "Insulin Is Not a Cure" brace-lets. http://www.DRInet.org

■ This month, the nonprofit Keep a Child Alive will begin selling bracelets to raise funds for chil-dren With HIV/AIDS: http://www.keepachild

BLUE: Sydney Davis and her friend Daniel

Rosen, friends from New Jersey who both have juvenile diabetes, are selling bracelets in honor of their 13th birthdays. The bracelets, available at the Naomi Berrie Diabetes Center at Columbus-Presbyterian hospital in New York, carry the words "Cure Diabetes Today." http://nbdiabetes.

GREEN: 7-Eleven stores will soon have brace lets to raise money for the USO, which provides support to members of the military.

ALUMINUM: HeroBracelets.org is selling bracelets, each with the name of a soldier killed in Iraq. Proceeds go to the Fallen Heroes Fund.

## **Experts: Food supply** in danger from terror

By LAURA MECKLER The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The nation's food supply remains vulnerable to a bioterror attack, experts say, though new rules will help investi gators track where in the chain of production and distribution an item may have been tainted.

regulation, announced Monday by the Food and Drug Administration, aims to trace the source of food contamination after the fact. Most businesses involved in the nation's human and animal food supply will have to keep records showing where they received food and where they shipped it.

An attack on the food supply could happen, say experts led by Health and Human Services Secre tary Tommy Thompson, who said last week that he worries "every single night" about a possible terror attack on the food supply.

"For the life of me, I cannot understand why the terrorists have not attacked our food supply be-cause it is so easy to do," Thompson said at a news conference announcing his resignation

Thompson singled out the possibility that infected food would be imported from the Middle East, but experts say the threat is equally serious for food produced domestically.

"There are any number of threats, and they range from what's done across the oceans to what's done in the kitchen in the restaurant that you're eating in, said Michael Osterholm, associate director of the National Center for Food Protection and Defense at the University of Minnesota, a project of the Department of Homeland Security.

The new regulation is the fourth in a series of FDA rules implementing a 2002 bioterrorism law, passed after the 2001 anthrax attacks.

These are common sense rules that will help FDA trace the source of contamination, but they don't do anything to prevent attacks, said Caroline Smith DeWaal, director of food safety at the Center for Science in the Public Interest.

## Carter's grandson arrested Deanna Congelio, spokeswom-

PEACHTREE CITY, Ga. - A

teenage grandson of former Presi-Jimmy Carter has been charged with burglary and possession of marijuana after police said he broke into a house of a former friend and took a video game console.

Jeremy Carter, 17, also was charged with being a minor in possession of alcohol and was released Sunday on \$11,500 bond.

The high school senior is the son of Annette and Jeff Carter, Jimmy Carter's youngest son. 'My son is innocent. This is ridiculous. He will be exonerated, Jeff Carter said Monday night.

an for the former president, declined to comment.

A woman whose son used to be friends with Jeremy Carter but now attends school in Florida said the teen broke into her house Saturday night and ran out with a video game console. Kay Beckom said another son and his friends outside, confronted Carter brought him back inside and police were called.

According to warrants issued by a Fayette County magistrate, Carter had a plastic bag of marijuana in his left shoe, and his breath smelled of alcohol.

# Eight times a mother's love U.S. lags behind

## Center learns Aurora the octopus was right in devotion to her eggs

BY MARY PEMBERTON

The Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — It was a May-December romance that really had legs: Young Aurora, a female giant octopus and her aging cephalopod suitor J-I were thrown together for a blind date seven months ago by aquarists who hoped the two would mate.

By all appearances, their fling was a success, and Aurora began dribbling long strings of eggs down the sides of her tank the following month. Though her sweetheart died of old age in September, the pitter-patter of tiny tentacles seemed close at hand.

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But those tens of thousands of
eggs remained pearly white with
no signs of developing, and aquarists at the Alaska Sealife Center
— concluding that the eggs were
likely sterile — began draining
Aurora's 3,600-gallon tank so she
could be removed from display.

Then, last week, a sharp-eyed intern at the center in Seward noticed something peculiar in each of the eggs: two red dots.

"I asked if that was normal," said 24-year-old Meghan Kokal.

It was — for baby octopus eyes.
Under a microscope, aquarists
saw developing eyes and pulsing
mantles. A brief meeting was
held. It was decided that Aurora

would stay in her tank after all.
"We started to fill it up again,"
Hocking said.

To her credit, Aurora had never given up. Day in and day out for months, she sent waves of water out through her siphon to gently cleanse her eggs, and defended them against hungry sea cucumhers and starfish

Aurora probably had some moments of "quiet desperation" last Tuesday while several hundred gallons of water were drained from her tank, said aquarium curator Richard Hocking.

As the water went down, one of the aquarists placed some of the eggs that had fallen from the sides of the tank on a rock shelf. Even then, Aurora persevered.

"She didn't want to leave them. As the water was going down, she was going down with it. She would spray a burst of water on the rocks on top of them," Kokal said.

Aurora and J-1 surprised everyone on the morning of May 11 when they hit it off almost immediately after their introduction, embracing for hours in a dark corner of the tank, which is part of



ALASKA SEALIFE CENTER/A

Aurora, a giant Pacific octopus, watches her eggs Dec. 1 at the Alaxia SeaLife Center in Seward, Alaska. Despite months of meticulous tending, Aurora's eggs — the whitespots at the bottom — showed no signs of developing into baby octopus until two very small red dots on each erg were spotted. The dots are baby octopuse's eyes developing.

the center's "Denizens of the Deep" exhibit.

At 5 years of age, J-1 — who up until meeting Aurora had lived a strictly bachelor life — was con-

> Aurora never gave up. Day in and day out, she defended her eggs against hungry sea cucumbers and starfish

sidered elderly for his species, the largest octopus in the world. He was already in a period of decline that occurs before an octopus dies: his skin was eroding and his suckers were pocked with

Though the two had canoodled intensely days before, J-1 began acting cranky with Aurora and he was removed from her tank. Female Giant Pacific octopuses can choose to conceive in what is known as delayed fertilization. Apparently, J-1 had the right stuff, and the privacy was just what Aurora needed, as she began laying eggs just a few days later.

J-1 died on Sept. 8.

Perhaps none or as many as a few thousand of the eggs could survive, Hocking said.

Kokal who is working on a de-

Kokal, who is working on a degree in environmental science from Northern Arizona University, likes the idea of several thousand baby octopuses at the cen-

"That would be very nice," she said.

# U.S. lags behind other nations in teens' math skills

BY BEN FELLER The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Compared with their peers in Europe, Asia and elsewhere, U.S. 15-year-olds are below average when it comes to applying math skills to real-life tasks. new test scores show.

The U.S. students were behind most other countries in overall math literacy and in every specific area tested in 2003, from geometry and algebra to statistics and computation.

The latest scores from the Program for International Student Assessment also show that white U.S. students scored above average, while blacks and Hispanics scored below it. That achievement gap has become the focus of federal education policy.

Outgoing Education Secretary Rod Paige called the new scores a "blinking warning light" as the Bush administration seeks to raise expectations and expand testing in high school. The international test is not a

measure of grade-level curriculum, but rather a gauge of 15-year-olds' skills and how well students can apply them to problems they may face in life.

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It also aims to give the United
States an external reality check
about how it is doing.

Jack Jennings of the independent Center on Education Policy said the test is more a measure of how math is taught than what students know Many U.S. math classes teach analytical or theoretical thinking, not everyday math application.

"You could have American kids knowing more math, it's just that they may test lower than other countries because their learning is not geared toward practical application," he said. By comparison, scale scores on

the United States' own math test, the National Assessment of Educational Progress, have risen sharply for fourth-graders and eighth-graders since 1990. That test, however, differs in its content and in that it is geared by grade, not by age.

The international assessment measures math, reading and science literacy among 15-year-olds every three years. This time, the main focus was math.

Among 29 industrialized coun-

## Mediocre math

The United States scored in the median range of math literacy compared to other countries, according to an international test taken of 15-year-olds in 2003.

Average math literacy scores of 15-year-old students by country, 2003

Top-five scoring countries

Middle five countries

Bottom five countries



SOURCE: Organization for Economic AP Cooperation and Development

tries, the United States scored below 20 nations and above five in math. The U.S. performance was about the same as Poland, Hungary and Spain.

When compared with all 39 nations that produced scores, the United States was below 23 countries, above 11 and about the same as four others, with Latvia joining the middle group.

"We cannot afford to let the skills of our students fall behind the skills of students in other nations," said Joseph Tucci, chairman of the education task force of the Business Roundtable, an association of chief executive officers from major U.S. corporations.

The test is run by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, a Paris-based intergovernmental group of industrialized countries. The top math performers included Finland, Korea, the Netherlands, Japan, Canada, Belgium, Switzerland and New Yealand

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#### Group probes wrong target

I'm writing in regards to the article titled "Group probes DOD for stun gun use on detainees," (Dec. 1). The article was about a request for information by Amnesty International for an investigation into whether the Army was violating Iraqi human rights by using taser guns.

I'm tired of human rights organizations always blaming the United States for anything and everything, especially the organi zations that originate in the States. I served in the Army, and I was in Iraq in March 2003 until March 2004, I know what these soldiers are going through. Peo-ple back home, instead of showing support for our troops in these tough times want to investigate everything, and even try to send some soldiers to prison.

If you ask me, that is like getting stabbed in the back by the same people the soldiers are fighting for. Why don't these human rights organizations come to Iraq and tell Abu Musab Al-Zarqawi he's violat ing human rights by chopping people's heads off, or tell the insurgents that they are violating human rights by putting down roadside bombs and killing our soldiers and civilians. I never heard of them saving anything of that nature.

It is just incomprehensible how the same people soldiers are risking their lives for, and dving for, are trying to bring them down instead of supporting them.

Armando Granados Camp Anaconda, Iraq

#### ACLU has lost perspective

I agree with the writer of the Dec. 3 letter "Politics aside, respect ACLII" that the American Civil Liberties Union has done no wrong in advocating the discontinua tion of federal funding of the Boy Scouts. I feel, however, that both the writer and the ACLU have lost the true perspective of the Founding Fathers on separation of church and state

First, the Constitution states in the First Amendment: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof. Many of America's earliest settlers had fled Europe under religious persecution from state churches there, and the Founding Fathers wished to avoid the danger of the United States having an established government-sanctioned church that allowed no competition. Thankfully, their wishes in this regard have been fulfilled so far

The second part of the amendment says that the government has no right to interfere with the free exercise of religion. The Founding Fathers believed that religion was a matter of the conscience and therefore each person should be able to worship as he or she believed was right without government prohibitions

Note that nowhere in the First Amendment or in the rest of the Constitution does one find the phrase "separation of church and state" or anything to prohibit religious displays in public places (such as the Ten Commandments), laws with religious con-

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tent, practice of religion in public areas (school), etc.

The founders wanted chiefly to keep gov ernment from interfering in religion, not to create an unbridgeable chasm between the two. I hope that the ACLU will devote more time to studying the true intent of the Constitution and the Founding Fathers.

Matthew Brown Yongsan, South Korea

## Arafat's way payed in blood

In response to the letter "Arafat legacy not yet realized," (Dec. 1), I don't know where the writer is getting his information about the late Yasser Arafat, but Arafat orchestrated hijackings, hostage taking, sui-

chestrated hijackings, hostage taking, su-cide bombings, and he murdered children. This "great" leader the writer is touting has killed many, to include U.S. citizens. A leader he may be to some people, but he seems to have paved his way with lies and blood

Spencer G. Stone Udeid Air Base, Qatar

## Attacks on 'Mortaritaville'

I am writing in response to the letter 'Mortaritaville' is a misnomer," (Dec. 2). In my opinion, the writer just disrespected those who have been affected by the attacks and the families and friends who have dealt with the loss of loved ones on Logistics Support Area Anaconda/Balad Air Base. According to www.webster.com the definitions of the following words are:

■ Barrage — artillery fire laid on a line close to friendly troops to screen and pro tect them.

Attack — to set upon or work against forcefully.

The original story on Oct. 18 (Mideast edition) — "Daily attacks on base dub it 'Mortaritaville' " — was simply trying to inform people of the constant threat that Anaconda/Balad is under Whether the attacks miss the base or not, there is still the threat, and we still have airmen and soldiers getting killed or dismembered by the attacks. Maybe the next time one of our

brothers or sisters dies due to these "one to two rounds," the writer would like to be the one consoling the family members left behind, and he could quote his own writing: "we have had some casualties, but this is what happens in situations like this,

The writer also stated, "compared to other bases in Iraq, this is very low key. He should check his stats, because it is a fact that Anaconda/Balad is the most frequently attacked base not only in Iraq, but the entire area of responsibility as reported by www.globalsecurity.org.

Air Force Staff Sgt. Jason M.J. Stewart Balad Air Base, Iraq

## Kuwait complaints unfounded

During the past nine months of my deployment in Iraq, I have read as many copies of Stars and Stripes as I could get my hands on. In that time, I have been disgusted by the many letters by soldiers in Kuwait complaining how rough they have it.

"Locked down in Kuwait" (Nov. 25) was the last straw. What the writer and past writers fail to recognize is that they are not on a vacation. In case they haven't looked at their leave and earning statements lately, they are receiving combat zone pay and benefits. Just a few hundred miles north of them, their fellow soldiers are not worried about not being allowed to eat at Mc-Donald's, they are worried about whether they will live to eat another meal.

I have been to camps in Kuwait, and everyone that I have passed through had at least one major franchised restaurant. At forward operating bases in Iraq, we consider ourselves lucky to get one or two hot meals a day, even when it was "cooked" in a mobile kitchen trailer

If the letter writer wants to see what Kuwait has to offer, I suggest he plan a vaca-tion there after his deployment. Until then, he should be thankful for receiving all of his combat zone benefits, while not having to worry about daily mortar and rocket attacks, roadside bombs, vehicle borne bombs, and insurgent ambushes

Sgt. Matt Cellura Baghdad

## Thanks to the USO

#### I would like to thank the United Service Organizations in Hanau, Germany, for its hospitality over Thanksgiving. It put on a spread that was truly amazing. They invited the local community to enjoy this feast. A large portion of my company went and we were amazed at the amount of food pre-

pared for us. Not to mention how good it

was.

The USO said it was to thank us for the job that we do. I would like to say thank you to it for the job it does for us. I am huge supporter of the USO and have been on many of the trips that they have sponsored. Thanks to them I have seen many places in Europe.

Again, thank you USO for the all that you do. I am one servicemember who truly appreciates it. Sgt. 1st Class Michael A. Fierro

Hanau Germany

By GARRY TRUDEAU

## Doonesbury









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## OPINION

# What strengthens parties weakens process

MASHINGTON
he more the academics and analysts explore the entrails of last
month's election, the clearer and
simpler the lesson becomes. As the
Clinton folks might put it, "it's the partisanship, stupid."





Democrats did a first-class job of mobilizing their supporters and bringing them to the polls. But Republicans did an even better job, and that is essentially why they won.

The anatomy of the Nov. 2 voting is intriguing in itself, but its implications for the future of politics and government are even

more important. It signals a protracted period of two-party competition and means that Republicans and Democrats alike will face intense pressure to keep their coalitions intact.

Democrats, who came out on the short end of the 51-48 percent presidential popular vote and also lost seats for the second election in a row in both the House and Senate, cannot afford any more defections. Losses among women, minorities and what remains of their Southern base would make the task of a comeback all the more difficult.

It surely was not a coincidence that President Bush began taking steps to split that Democratic coalition with his very first appointments to his second-term administration: Condoleezza Rice, a black woman with Southern roots and a California connection, to run the State Department, Margaret Spellings, another woman and a Texan, to run the Department of Education; and two high-profile Hispanics, Alberto Gonzales and Carlos Gutierrez, to lead the Justice and Commerce departments, respectively.

But it is not only Democrats who have to worry about coalition-maintenance. Republcans and Bush in particular are equally dependent on keeping the flock intact. Bush did not beat John Kerry among independents. Kerry won almost 9 out of 10 Democratic votes and prevalled narrowly among independents. Bush won only by turning out massive numbers of Republicans and captur-

ing more than 9 out of 10 of their votes. What was true of Kerry and Bush applied almost equally to the races for the Senate, the House and governorships. ... House Republican candidates received more than 8 of the senate of t

All this is a far cry from the pattern of government and politics with which we became familiar during the Cold War. As John Kenneth White of Catholic University points out in one of the clearest and most succinct of the many post-election analyses that have crossed my desk, from 1952 through 1988, Republicians won the White House seven of 10 times, but rarely were able to disturb Democratic control of Congress.

From Dwight Eisenhower through the first President Bush, the voting public generally trusted Republicans to manage international affairs, keep the communists at bay, assure a strong defense and run the economy. Democrats in Congress were preferred



to look after the down-home concerns, such as Social Security, Medicare, education and the rest.

But that pattern of divided government has been decisively broken. ... Part of the story is the change in the South, where conservative Democrats once prevailed. Now, their House and Senate seats are occupied by Republicans. ...

But partisans on both sides in other regions are also recognizing the genuine differences between Republicans and Democrats and are choosing sides accordingly. Some of those differences are ideological.

Some are cultural, including the issues of faith and religion, which drew so much atten-

tion in the immediate aftermath of the elec-

But the overwhelming factor, the one that ties it all together, is the simple pull of partisan allegiance — the hold that each of the parties exerts on its own followers.

Where there is strong partisanship in the electorate, White reminds us, we are likely to see partisanship in government as well. "The significance of party to the 2004 vote means that compromise between the two parties-in-government is unlikely," White writes

Keep that in mind when the next Congress begins.

David Broder is a member of Washington Post Writers Group.

## Insurgents seemingly unaffected by troop levels

BY RICHARD HART SINNREICH

radualism rarely is a productive way to apply military power. War, as theorist Carl von Clausewitz reminded us, is not just the application of force against an unresisting object. Ichemies adapt, and piecemealing combat power allows them that much more freedom to do it.

All of which is relevant to Iraq troop levels — which, the Pentagon announced last week, will climb for the next few months to 150,000, the highest level since the war began. Only about 1,500 will be troops not already scheduled to deploy. The rest of the increase will come from extending the tours of the units the new deployments were intended to replace.

That's likely to arouse justifiable unhappiness among affected soldiers and their families. For all the benefits of unit rotation, raising expectations only to shatter them isn't one. As many have noted, the human burdens of this war are being borne by a small number of our citizens in and out of uniform. Overstraining their undoubted dedication isn't wise.

But the broader question is what, in a military sense, 12,000 more troops for a few months will buy us. In that connection, recent trends are anything but encouraging. This year alone U.S. troop levels in Irao

This year alone U.S. troop levels in Iraq rose from II.5000 in February, to 130,000 in March, to 138,000 in May, to 140,000 in July, before dipping to 138,000 in September. During the same period, insurgent attacks on coalition forces, never mind Iraqis, rose from around 400 a month to 2,400.

That's an ominous correlation. It suggests that the insurgents have been able not only to withstand incremental U.S. troop increases but also to expand their operations significantly despite them.

There's no obvious reason to expect that another marginal troop increase will reverse that pattern. On the contrary, official announcement of the increase as merely a measure to dampen violence in advance of January's scheduled election offers the insurgents every incentive to ride it out.

Given the overall scarcity of coalition forces in relation to Iraq's populated geography, that shouldn't be too difficult. From the outset, the military problem in Iraq has never been insufficient troops to defeat the enemy in battle, but rather insufficient troops to second the theory was a state of the company.

cure what they've won.

Now that we've belatedly decided to clear
the insurgents from urban strongholds such
as Samarra and Fallujah rather than hoping
they would disarm, the problem is likely to
mount. Each local success implies a subseuent requirement to secure the cleared lo-

cality, and troops committed to such occupation can't also continue to attack.

Nor, apparently, can we count on Iraq's

fledgling security forces to bail us out. Even the most encouraging reports of their performance confirm that their reliability and effectiveness depend entirely on their continued integration with better-equipped, -trained and -led coalition forces. Turning cleared areas over to them lock, stock and barrel isn't feasible yet.

Meanwhile ... all indications are that January may well see the departure or reduction of some current allied contingents. Presuming that these cutbacks would not include our British allies, the military consequences would be relatively modest, however uncomfortable the political ramifications. But they certainly woulds't heln.

All of which suggests that, as has been

true from the first day of the invasion, this is America's war to win or lose. Barring an unlikely change of heart by those with little reason to have one, we had better start thinking seriously about what it will take to win it.

The odds are that continued gradualism won't. The temptation is to blame it on politicians. But that doesn't excuse military commanders who should know better and who repeatedly have insisted that they have all the troops they need even as events just as repeatedly have proved otherwise. A brand new licethemat would bush at so con-

sistent a pattern of military misjudgment.
That also happened 40 years ago, and
we're still paying the price. Even the most
stubborn leaders should be reluctant to risk
making the same mistake again.

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## Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



## IN THE WORLD

# Karzai sworn in as Afghan president

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan - Afghan President Hamid Karzai took the helm Tuesday of a country whose revival is threatened by a surging drug trade and a stubbornly persistent Taliban insurgency, pledging in his inaugural address to bring stability and prosperity, even as rebels launched a fresh wave of deadly attacks near the Pakistani border.

With the speeches over and foreign dignitaries departing his solemn swearing-in ceremony, the affable Karzai will come under growing pressure to heal ethnic divisions and repair this war-ravaged country's decrepit infrastructure, challenges that promise to linger throughout his five-vear mandate.

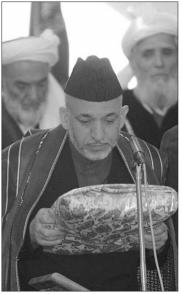
Wearing his trademark green robe and lambskin hat and with his right hand on a copy of Islam's holy book, the Quran, Karzai appeared jittery as he repeated an oath of allegiance read Afghanistan's him by white-bearded chief justice.

Still, he recovered his poise in a confident speech before 600 guests, including U.S. Vice President Dick Cheney and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, outlining his agenda to meet ordinary Afghans' sky-high expecta-

He singled out America which still has 18,000 troops stationed in Afghanistan and is providing billions in other aid - for particular thanks, while underlin-ing the continued need of international support.

"Our fight against terrorism is not vet over." he said, warning of a deadly nexus also between extremism and drug trafficking. "A decisive victory over terrorism requires serious and continuous cooperation at regional and interna-

Afghan and international forces keen to protect Karzai's inauguration mounted their biggest secu rity operation since the Oct. 9 election that gave him a landslide



Afghan President Hamid Karzai holds the Quran as he is sworn in as Afghanistan's first popularly elected president at a ceremony in Kabul's Presidential Palace on Tuesday.

victory. Still, overnight assaults near the Pakistani frontier that left 12 dead provided a reminder of threats to the country's stabili-

Dozens of suspected Taliban rebels armed with assault rifles and rockets attacked an Afghan

military base in Khost province, sparking a fire-fight that left four Afghan soldiers and at least six militants dead, an Afghan commander said.

Also in Khost, insurgents opened fire before dawn on Tuesday on a U.S. patrol, which shot ants, U.S. spokesman Maj. Mark McCann said No Americans were reported hurt

Efforts by militants to launch a rocket toward Kabul on Monday evening, however, were less successful, a NATO spokesman said. The rocket landed harmlessly on a cattle farm outside the city lim-

Cheney, the most senior American official to visit Afghanistan since the Taliban were ousted three years ago, emerged from brief talks with Karzai to laud him as a wise leader and an admired international statesman.

Later, he said the establishment of a democracy in Kabul was necessary to Afghanistan's "basic, fundamental transformation

"It has to happen, if you will, if rorism," Cheney said on NBC's
"Today" show Doors we're going to win the war on terform people who "are focused on their own lives and focused on building a free society.

Rumsfeld, who like Cheney left Afghanistan on Tuesday evening. cautioned that the military mission here is not over.

There are still groups, extremists, that would like to take this country back - the Taliban, the al-Qaida - and use it for a base for terrorist activities around the world as they did on 9/11." Rumsfeld told a group of special forces soldiers at Bagram Air Base, north of Kabul. "But it's not going to hannen

The vice president recounted the role of U.S. forces in destroying the Taliban regime, which had harbored the al-Qaida terrorist network blamed for the Sept. 11 2001 attacks

"The dictatorship that harhored the most vicious terrorist network in history is now history," Cheney said

He cautioned that work remains to be done

"Freedom still has enemies here in Afghanistan, and you are here to make those enemies miserable," he said.

## Security at Consulate is praised

The Associated Press

JIDDAH, Saudi Arabia — Islamic militants who shot their way into the heavily fortified U.S. Consulate, killing five em-ployees, clearly had studied how cars entered the compound, the U.S. ambassador said Tuesday, praising actions that stopped the assault but acknowledging room for improvement.

Ambassador James C. Oberwetter thanked Saudi forces for "freeing the compound" and said Marine guards inside performed their duty heroically. Saudi officials, meanwhile, said four assailants were Saudis and that a fifth person killed hadn't yet been identi-

None of the three assailants identified Tuesday bin Awad al-Juhaini, Eid bin Dakhil Allah al-Juhaini, Hassan bin Hamid al-Hazimi pear on the kingdom's list of 26 most wanted militants. The statement did not say whether the al-Juhainis were related, or provide details about them.

Assailants believed linked to al-Qaida shot their way through a gate in Monday's bold assault on the compound, but were killed or captured bepenetrating consular buildings inside.

Five consulate employees one Yemeni, a Sudanese, a Fili-pino, a Pakistani and a Sri Lan-— were killed and another four were injured. Consul-genrour were injured. Consur-gen-eral Gina Abercrombie-Win-stanley said two American staff were slightly wounded, and one was up and about Tuesday.

Oberwetter, speaking to journalists at a Jiddah hotel, praised the consulate's security measures, saying the attackers' car was able to reach the gate but no further, and the attackers had to enter the grounds on foot. Still, he said, "the events of yesterday show the need for improvement."

## More than 50 arrested in anti-mafia raids in Naples

The Associated Press

NAPLES, Italy - Italian police raided scores of homes in the Naples area Tuesday and arrested 52 suspected mobsters. the largest single offensive in the state's bid to end a bloody mob war that has terrified the southern Italian city

The arrests were carried out in a series of raids that started before dawn and continued through the morning, officials in Naples said.

About 1,500 police, as well as helicopters, bomb-sniffing dog units and bomb disposal experts, took part

Officials said the operation

was a major setback to the Naples-based Camorra organized crime syndicate.

"The government has long-term plan to uproot the Camorra from Naples and Campania." said Interior Minister Giuseppe Pisanu. Campania is the region includ-

ing Naples.
"Last night's operation deals

a real blow" to mobsters in the area, he said.

An outburst of violence in Na-ples has claimed 23 lives last month alone, with some of the killings in plain view. Investigators say that the violence stems from a power struggle within the Di Lauro clan, a Camorra subgroup, over drug trafficking.

## Spain says Italy handed over key suspect in Madrid train bombings

MADRID, Spain - Spain said Tuesday that Italy has handed over Rabei Osman Ahmed, an Egyptian who is considered a key suspect in the Madrid train bomb

Spanish police were accompanying him to Madrid on Tuesday evening, the Spanish Interior Ministry said.

Osman Ahmed was arrested in Milan in June after police overheard him allegedly boasting about his role in planning the Madrid bombings and referring to another imminent attack. The Italian Supreme Court agreed last week to extradite him.

The Madrid attack killed 191 people and wounded more than

Spanish Judge Juan del Olmo, who is leading the probe into the attacks. requested Osman Ahmed's extradition soon after he was arrested, saving that while living in Madrid the suspect "managed to take control of a small group of Arab followers, all of them with extremist Islamic ideology, supporters of jihad [holy war] and Osama bin

Spain's Justice Ministry said last week that Osman Ahmed can be held in Spain for a maximum of six months because he also faces terrorism-related charges

Spanish authorities consider Osman Ahmed a key figure in the planning of the March 11 train bombings and in the structure of

al-Qaida in Europe.

They say he is an expert in explosives who was mentioned several years ago in a police investigation of Islamic extremism in Spain but dropped out of view in

In phone taps recorded before his arrest, Osman Ahmed report-edly said, "The Madrid attack is my project" and the March 11 attacks would teach a "lesson to Europe.

## **Goodall urges primate preservation**

## Researcher lectures group in Singapore

The Associated Press

SINGAPORE — Biologist Jane Goodall brought her trademark message to Singapore on Tuesday: human beings and chimpanzees are more alike than one would think.

To prove it, Goodall imitated the laugh of a chimpanzee before a surprised audience of 300 students and university lecturers at an international conference. It sounded a lot like a human laugh, though more high-pitched.

Goodall, known for decades of research on chimpanzees' behavior, told the crowd at the Biology in Asia International Conference that individuals must act to conserve the environment.

"We are at the crossroads, we can't have hope forever," she said.

The 70-year-old Briton, who holds a doctorate in ethology from Cambridge University, urged scientists to carry out further research.

"I hope that young Singaporean biolo gists will find out more." she said.

The conference, held at Nanyang Technological University, ends Friday. Singapore is one of Asia's top research destinations



Dr. Jane Goodall, world-acclaimed conservation biologist and pioneer for her work on chimpanzees in Africa, delivers her keynote speech during the Biology in Asia international conference in Sinzapore on Tuesdav.

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## Brazil museum shows off new dino



Biologist Luciano Leal shows a replica of Unaysaurus tolentinoi at the National Museum in Rio de Janeiro on Friday. BY PETER MUELLO The Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil— Scientists have unweiled a replica of a new species of dinosaur whose fossils were recently discovered in Brazil. The new dinosaur, an ancestor of the brontosaurus, has more in common with species found in Europe than other finds in South Ameri-

A replica of Unaysaurus tolentinoi, a small plant-eater that lived some 230 million years ago, was unveiled last week at the National Museum is Dio

"It differs from all other dinosaurs," Zootaxa, a scientific journal published in New Zealand, said in a recent issue. "Unaysaurus represents the first 'prosauropod' grade dinosaur from Brazil."

Prosauropods were primitive dinosaurs with long necks and tails, like the earthshaking giants in the film "Jurassic Park"

Although unaysaurus was just 8 feet long and weighed about 150 pounds, it was the ancestor of the huge brontosaurus and diplodocus that appeared millions of years later.

"He's a unique dinosaur"

"He's a unique dinosaur," said biologist Luciano Leal of the National museum, who helped unearth the fossil.

Unaysaurus is the oldest of the 11 dinosaurs found in Brazil. It lived in the Triassic period, long before the huge dinosaurs evolved. When the unaysaurus died, its bones were calcified and remained buried until May 1998.

Then, Tolentino Marafiga, a retired industrial worker, was walking to a game of bocce when he noticed the fossil sticking up on a back road in Agua Negra, 800 miles southwest of Rio de Janeim

Using hammers and chisels, Leal and colleagues dug out the bones and spent nearly six years cleaning and mounting the fossil, which included a nearly complete skull.

The dinosaur was named for the region — Unay is the Tupi Indian term for Black Water, or Agua Negra in Portuguese — and Toletinoi in honor of its discoverer.

## Hometown crime spree

SYDNEY, Australia — Miss Universe Jennifer Hawkins has inadvertently sparked a crime spree in her Australian hometown, and civic leaders have had

Five signs erected in her honor in the economically depressed steel-making city of Newcastle have been stolen in the six months since she was crowned, Mayor Greg Piper said Tuesday.

The city council has decided it will no longer replace the signs, which cost 250 Australian dollars each, he said.

"As a council, I think it's improper for us to continue putting the signs up when we know they're going to be vandalized," he said, adding he didn't want to spend any more taxpayers' money.

#### Man bitten twice by snakes

OSLO, Norway — A Norwegian man with an illegal collection of exotic animals was rushed to the hospital twice in one day after being bitten by two different poisonous snakes, police said. The man in his 30s was bitten by a rat-

The man in his 30s was bitten by a rattlesnake Monday night, said police in Asker, near Oslo.

Afterward, police learned the man

Afterward, police learned the man had been taken to the hospital earlier the same day after being bitten by a Malaysian palm viper, but checked himself out.

Though he survived both bites, his ille-

Though he survived both bites, his illegal collection of exotic pets, including four snakes, was confiscated and he faces charges of illegally importing wild-life into Norway, police said.

#### Anti-drunken driving message

LONDON — The British government on Monday launched its annual campaign against drunken driving over the Christmas period, including hard-hitting new TV advertisements.

Last year, 560 people died in Britain in drunken driving-related crashes while 2,600 were seriously injured, the government said.

Transport Secretary Alistair Darling urged motorists to leave their cars at home during the Christmas and New Year festive period or get someone else to drive.

"You can't calculate your own drink-

drive limit and the only safe way is not to drink and drive," Darling said. New television ads to be shown over

the next few weeks show several young men in a pub, one of whom decides to have a second drink even though he is driving later. At that point, a pretty woman walking toward him is violently thrown down as if struck by a car and killed.

From The Associated Press

## HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM FOLKS BACK HOME

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## **FACES**

#### Fox shares ice with hockey star

It was difficult to tell who was more excited: Michael J. Fox for playing alongside former hockey star Gilbert Perreault, or the other way around.



nuts. I love it." The feeling was more than mutu-

"I had a big thrill playing with him," Perreault said. "He's got a lot of guts. And good luck to him. He's a wonderful man

The meeting was part of former Sa bres captain Pat LaFontaine's Champions in Courage charity game to raise money for Buffalo Women and Children's Hospital. The event raised more than \$200,000 toward LaFontaine's goal of building a computer playroom for children at the hospital

#### Piscopo embarrassed by some characters

Comedian Joe Piscopo wants to change the popular stereotypes of Italian-Americans promoted on television and in movies.

The former "Saturday Night Live" star attended a panel discussion at Seton Hall University on Saturday that examined why, according to one attendee, prejudice against Italians is tacitly accepted in popular culture. Piscopo, who said he is embarrassed by some of the ste-

reotypical Italian characters he has played, is at work on a movie that portrays an Italian-American family from northern New Jersey. He is determined to get the film made, though he said he has run into difficulties because it is not gangster-related

## Trump wants \$500M from ex-employer

Donald Trump got fired. Now he's asking for \$500 million

The real estate mogul and television star is offering to drop his breach of contract lawsuit against the Eastern Pequot tribe and the casino investors who replaced him in exchange for half a billion dollars.

'The figure was arrived at very carefully by people in the Trump or-ganization who determined what likely income would have been generated had the Trump organization gone forward with the Eastern Pequot casino," Trump's lawyer, Rob-ert I. Reardon, told The Day of New



The Eastern Pequots' attorney, however, says the tribe is not interested

#### **Ballard worried before return to Titanic**

Ocean explorer Robert Ballard was nervous this summer as he prepared to return to the Titanic for the first time since he discovered the famous shipwreck nearly two decades ago.

He had been hearing reports of severe deterioration of the ship from natural causes and from damage done by scores of dives Ballard also worried that passengers' personal belong-

ings had been taken by salvagers.

But using the latest high definition cameras and pre-

cise robotic submarines, he made a

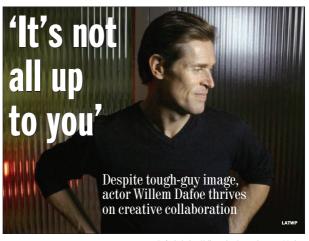
startling discovery: Two shoes, one larger than the other, next to each other and a hair comb nearby, along with materials from a third-class cabin. Ballard believes the shoes belonged to a mother and her daughter "They're the tombstones," Ballard said. "I can tell you it absolutely

speaks to you when you go there. It's not just a ship Ballard spoke Friday at Mystic

Aquarium & Institute For Exploration, which he runs. The aquarium has expanded its exhibit on the Titanic to include Ballard's latest video clips and photos from his summer voy-

The Titanic sank on April 15, 1912, after it hit an iceberg on its maiden voyage. More than 1,500 passengers and crew members died in less than three hours.

Photos and stories from wire report



44 Theater is like having a

monogamous relationship, while

movies are like being with a

different woman every night.

BY ELAINE DUTKA Los Angeles Times

HOLLYWOOD illem Dafoe conjures up the image of coiled in-tensity. During his quarter of a century on screen, he's played more than his share of villains and madmen. By his own admission, he was never "the boy next door."

Starting out as an extra in the ill-fated "Heaven's Gate, the actor was cast as a postmodern heavy in 1985's "To Live and Die in L.A.," his breakthrough film, and nominated for a best supporting actor Oscar as the title character in 2000's "Shadow of the Vampire." He was also the Green Goblin in "Spider-Man" (a role that generated his own action doll), a kidnapper in "The Clearing" (2004) and a five-star general plotting to overthrow the government in Lee Tamahori's "XXX: State of the Union," currently before the cameras

Over lunch however, the actor reveals a softer side more salmon ("medium, please") than red meat: He's not the Christ-like soldier he played in "Platoon," which earned him another best supporting actor nomination, nor the Savior himself, as in "The Last Temptation of Christ." But in a town where the media and their prev are often at arm's length, he was surpris-

ingly chatty ("slow me down") and reflective. Holding forth on topics such as the relationship between acting and life and the benefits of age, the actor undercuts his philosophical riffs with an easy, self-deprecating laugh.

The subject at hand: the Wes Anderson comedy "The Life Aquatic with Steve Zis-sou," set to open in New York and Los Angeles on Dec. 10. In it, Dafoe takes on the unlikely role of Klaus, a German engineer to Bill Murray's pot-smoking, Jacques Cousteau-type oceanographer — a man in search of the jaguar shark that devoured his best friend.

Co-starring with Dafoe: Cate Blanchett as a very pregnant reporter, Owen Wilson as Murray's long-lost son, An-jelica Huston as Murray's disaffected wife, and Jeff Goldblum as her former husband. They all act as if they're capable when they haven't got a clue, explains Dafoe: It's a "portrait of pretension."

While Klaus was a comic departure for him, he identified with the character.

"We share an earnestness - and lovalty." Dafoe says "Like him, part of me is a blowhard. Part of me is a bully Klaus comes off as an egomaniac but what he really wants is acceptance and love.

And Dafoe? "I ain't saying, I ain't saying," the actor retorts, munching on his radicchio salad.

Dressed in a black V-neck sweater and faded jeans.

Dafoe looks less Hollywood and more downtown Manhattan, his adopted home.

A high school dropout, the Wisconsin native headed east

in the mid-1970s and joined New York City's avant-garde Wooster Group.

Without being "gossipy," he says, he feels compelled to note that there's been a "bit of an adjustment" on that front. Last winter, a 27-year live-in relationship with Wooster's artistic director, Elizabeth LeCompte, came to an end, and - because their "personal lives and work are so intertwined," he diluted his involvement with the troupe. The stage is still a passion. ("Theater is like having a monogamous relationship, while movies are like being with a different woman every night.") He'll act with them again. But when he's not on a set, he's in Rome

Rome, he says, is where his heart is since encountering Italian director Giada Colagrande. Her "Aprimi Il Cuore" (Open My Heart), an explicit tale of love between two sisters, will be released in New York in December and Los Angeles the following month.

It's a brand new chapter, acknowledges the 49-year-old. Change is inherent in life, he says, alluding to one of his fa-vorite books: Alan W. Watts' "The Wisdom of Insecurity." While he's not someone who seeks it out, being a performer helps. Actors live in a variety of locations and establish

deen but transitory bonds Working in a collaborative medium, moreover, teaches them to let go: "It's not all up to you," he observes.

"It's a contradiction," Dafoe says. "To do what you need to do, you have to believe that you're at the center of it all. But you also realize that you're one as-

pect, one strand in a huge thing. Actors are seen as narcissistic but a lot of them deeply want to disappear into a

Willem Dafoe

Finding oneself by losing oneself is easier said than done, he concedes. "Someone once called me a 'book Buddhist' - and they were half right. Just because I'm attracted to a certain kind of writing doesn't mean that I live it. Though it's hard to confirm, conventional wisdom has it that Dafoe has had more death scenes than any other main-

stream actor — most notably in "Platoon" and "Last Temptation of Christ "I'm practicing so that when the time comes, I'll be really good at it," he quips, taking a last sip of espresso. "That's

an ambition in itself. It's depressing to think that someone will account for my life in terms of the movies I've done His real fear is that he'll die tomorrow - and the world will say it has lost the Green Goblin.

"I guess there are worse things," the actor concludes, heading out into the rain-soaked streets. Flashing one of those serpentine smiles, he implores: "Don't make me sound pretentious."

## YOUR MONEY

# Fellowship of the ring tone

## Customizing cell phones nets \$150 million this year

By Jose Antonio Vargas

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - Whenever his cell phone rings, which is a lot, Delvon Murray, 18, hears "My Boo," the Alicia Keys-Usher duet. Whenever his girlfriend's cell phone rings, she hears "In Love Wit Chu" from hip-hop artist Da Brat

These days, your cell phone identity goes beyond whether you get free weekend minutes or an expanded nationwide calling

It's in the model of the phone you choose — a \$602 Motorola V3 that weighs about three ounces, or one of those giveaway phones you get just by signing up? It's in the ringing of your phone, too and the good ol' Ring! Ring! Ring! in your cell phone, Murray says, is so two years ago, when your choices in ring tones ranged from "The Star-Spangled Banner" to Beethoven's "Fur Elise."

This is a breakout year for tones, the 20- to 30-second synthesized versions of songs that play when cell phones ring, like an au-dible caller ID. They've been the rage in western Europe and Asia, particularly in South Korea and Japan, the past two years, says IDC, a market research firm based in Framingham, Mass. But the United States, with younger consumers leading the way, is catching on fast.

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magazine introduced its Hot Ring Tones list in October, with "Drop It Like It's Hot," "My Boo" and "Lose My Breath" topping this week's chart. IDC estimates that ring tones - usually a pop or hip-hop song downloaded from Web sites for a fee, from 99 cents to \$2.99 - brought in \$316 million this year, up from last year's \$98 million.

In a short time, in a public way - while on the subway, or in line at Starbucks, or inside a movie theater - ring tones signal who you are. Or who you want people to think you are. It's a special stamp, a personal touch. Are vou a Maroon 5 kind of guy? Are you a Shakira kind of gal? Murray's ring tone is a one-way street the other person on the line, after all, can't hear it.

But in the fast-changing world of cell phones, where wireless companies are pushing more and more customization, ring tones are entering a new phase - and to the industry's delight, it is being greeted by a gotta-have-it

Next year, Murray might be able to hear a song ("Goodies" by Ciara) or a recorded message ("I'll be right with you, baby") or a classic line from a film ("You had me at hello," from "Jerry Maguire") as he waits for his girlfriend to answer.

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nia, this new feature is the "ringback" - a specific ring tone that a specific person who's calling your cell phone could hear. It's vet another addition to the increasingly particular way the country's estimated 170 million cell phone subscribers use their

Brian Carkhuff makes a living pushing cell phones with the ever-personal touch. He works at a T-Mobile kiosk, clocking in about 60 hours a week, in the ground floor of the Pentagon City mall in Arlington, Va.

"Folks are willing to pay good money to put their favorite music and favorite photos on their favorite cell phones," says the 37-year-old, who can sell you prettv much whatever you're looking

Motorola A630, which looks like a mini-BlackBerry, with instant messaging and e-mail capability, goes for about \$300 list price. The Samsung P735, a flip phone with an MP3 player, sells for about \$500

Carkhuff has switched his own phone no less than 10 times in the past five years. He considers his current, clear-cased cell phone a Nokia 6600, retail price \$399 a prized necessity. The phone, which he wears on his belt, takes up to 30 minutes of video clips and has a camera. Its screen saver is a photo of his daughters.

Americans are quickly catching on to the huge ring-tone phone rage that has washed over western Europe and Asia. A research firm estimates that ring tones brought in \$318 million in sales this year.

Jordyn 12-year-old Erin, in a pool at his parents' house.

He's got ring tones, too, of course, more than 20, which he buys online at \$1.99 each, and they're sent to his phone within 15 to 20 seconds.

"Between the Sheets," by the Isley Brothers, plays when his girlfriend of six months calls; Devil Went Down to Georgia. by the Charlie Daniels Band. ays when his supervisor calls. The rest of the callers, friends or not, bring up "Lean Back" by Terror Squad.

"That way, when the phone rings, I know who's calling. If the person isn't important — you person isn't important — you know, if I just hear 'Lean Back' then I won't necessarily pick it up. But when ringback ring tones come, I'll probably change the song that my supervisor will hear," says Carkhuff, standing behind the kiosk.

In a way, programming your cell phone is akin to programming your iPod, laptop or TiVo. "The key point here is personal-

ization - anything you do to that cell phone reflects who you are. It's a statement," says Lewis Ward, senior research analyst in wireless and mobile communications for IDC.

In the past three years, cell phone users under 24 years old have been quick in adapting new phone programs, says Ward. "Soon enough, though, everyone else catches on," he adds. The graphics content on cell

phones — the caller ID graphics, screen savers, etc. — brought in a little under \$150 million this year, he says, and he expects it to grow to more than \$1.1 billion by 2008.

The music industry is hanging lot on the customized cel phone, too. The revenue from ring tones and ringbacks is a "significant addition and a significant replacement for some of the sales we've lost because of declining CD sales and online piracy in the U.S.," says Thomas Hesse, president of global digital business for Sony BMG.

'The CD collection you have is always something you showed to friends. The ring tone is a public manifestation of this.

## **EXCHANGE RATES**

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South Korean won (Dec. 8) Commercial rates	
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Canada (Dollar)	\$1.941
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30-year bond	4.1
Sources: The Associated	J Press, Bank

#### To our readers

Jim Coates is on vacation. His column will return next week



## Be honest on résumés

CBS MarketWatch

10 percent to 30 percent of job applicants lie on their résumés. according to a study by Challenger, Gray & Christmas, the outplacement consulting company. And those fudging aren't just young, inexperienced workers: Top-level executives are résumé fraudsters, too.

The study found five areas where employers commonly discovered resume lies:

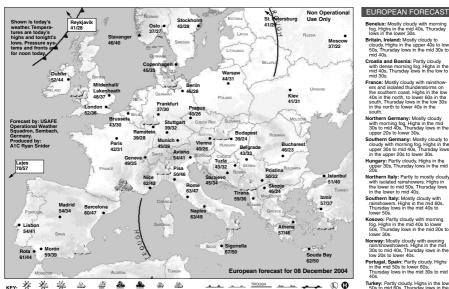
■ Job title

■ Education

■ Compensation

■ Reason for leaving ■ Accomplishments

If the unglossed version of your résumé is less than impressive, don't be tempted to stretch the truth, writes M. Rose Jonas in her new book, "Can I Lie on My Résumé?" A résumé is the beginning of your relationship with a company, and it's important to be honest



Benelux: Mostly cloudy with morning fog. Highs in the mid 40s, Thursday lows in the lower 30s.

Britain, Ireland: Mostly cloudy to cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s to low 50s, Thursday lows in the mid 30s to mid 40s

Croatia and Bosnia: Partly cloudy with dense morning fog. Highs in the mid 40s, Thursday lows in the low to mid 30s.

France: Mostly cloudy with rainshowers and isolated thunderstorms on the southern coast. Highs in the low 40s in the north, to lower 60s in the south, Thursday lows in the low 30s in the north to lower 40s in the south

Northern Germany: Mostly cloudy with morning fog. Highs in the mid 30s to mid 40s, Thursday lows in the upper 20s to lower 30s.

Southern Germany: Mostly cloudy to cloudy with morning fog. Highs in the upper 30s to mid 40s, Thursday lows in the upper 20s to lower 30s.

Hungary: Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 30s, Thursday lows in the mid upper 20s.

Northern Italy: Partly to mostly cloudy with isolated rainshowers. Highs in the lower to mid 50s, Thursday lows in the lower to mid 40s.

Southern Italy: Mostly cloudy with rainshowers. Highs in the mid 60s, Thursday lows in the mid 40s to lower 50s.

Kosovo: Partly cloudy with morning fog. Highs in the mid 40s to lower 50s, Thursday lows in the mid 20s to lower 30s.

Norway: Mostly cloudy with evening rain/snowshowers. Highs in the mid 30s to mid 40s, Thursday lows in the

Portugal, Spain: Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s to lower 60s, Thursday lows in the mid 30s to mid 40s.

Turkey: Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 50s to mid 60s, Thursday lows in the mid 30s to low 40s.

For current weather watches, warnings, and 5-day forecasts go to the USAFE Operational Weather Squadron home



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## Horoscope

The subconscious is like a soap opera that evolves in its own parallel world. Whether or not we choose to tune in the characters continue to interact, and the **Holiday Mathis** plot continues to weave. But during the Scorpio moon, we're irresistibly drawn into the action and can't help reacting to it. Something you thought was just a

hunch turns out to be true TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (December 8). You love adventure, and this year gives you worlds to discov er! This month, a circle of interesting folks wants to know you, and your interaction with them brings new business and romance into your personal life. January starts a career transition that lasts almost three months, but in late March, a huge win makes you happy you were tenacious.

ARIES (March 21-April 19), A \$1 bill and a \$100 bill are the same size on the same paper printed with the same ink. The only difference is the message. Make your message powerful and unique. Let the world experience your value.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're not a vengeful person - not usually. OK, sometimes you are, but only on days like today, when all the wrong people seem to be getting the good stuff. Assign yourself a "time

out" to count your blessings GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Once you fall into a groove, there's no stopping you. If everyone were as spontaneous, optimistic and energetic, all the work would be done, and you could start your weekend already. Do be careful not to look down on others now

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Strange but appealing opportunities seem slightly removed from the real thing. Beware of the lure of rhine stones. This is no time to abandon loyalty and security for potential riches and fame

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're valued for your potential - and you'll certainly live up to it - but pause to be sure it's what you really want. Your talents are varied. Which ones give you the greatest joy? What work doesn't feel like work when you're doing it?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). In medieval times, it was believed that one had to turn pale in the presence of a beloved, eat and sleep very little

when vexed by love, and suffer through the excruciating beauty of a loved one. Kinda like what you're going through now

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Once

again, everyone turns to you to smooth things over. Your deft handling of people is a skill more marketable than you think Brainstorm how you could be paid more for

what comes so naturally to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're a whirling dervish, spinning for the sheer spiritual ecstasy of it Keep this in mind when loved ones challenge you to calm down and have a cup of tea. Your choice is to spin, and there's nothing wrong with

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Subtle yet powerful factors contribute to your level of satisfaction. You're likely to take to heart what someone says in passing or see an unusual accident as a sign. Good! You're paying attention!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your love of nature grounds you, and you'll feel relief when wrapped in its beauty. This is something to enjoy privately - others may diminish your experience with their lack of understanding. Except for Virgo, of course.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Usually a mellow sort, you're still not immune to the occasional impulse to rane Take a walk make a call or go to the gym. Exhaust all other ontions before unleashing the furies Ultimately, you're passionate because you care.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). People around you can't help but be influenced, and perhaps a bit intimidated, by your high standards. Let young ones know that it's OK to fail once in a while - in fact, it's an essential part of their development.

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## **Peanuts**













THAT WAS MY THING! YOU JUST GRABBED IT FIRST!

FIND YOUR OWN THING TO FREAK OUT ABOUT!









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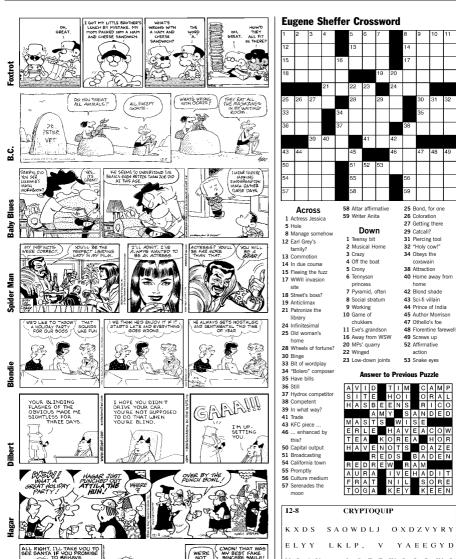
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BUT HIS STORY DIDN'T HOLD WATER.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

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Now arrange the circled letters to

(Answers tomorrow)

CONTEST.

TURNED INTO-

E-Q-U-I-Q-U-S.

## **Husband's cyber-looking alarming**

Dear Abby: I am a married mother of two, with what I thought was a good marriage. My husband, "Charles," and I like to surf the Web, and trust each other enough not to check user histories - but one morning he forgot to close a window on his computer Dear Abby

What I saw shook me. Charles had joined a "married but looking Web site about a year ago. It was news to me. I thought we had a strong marriage. His profile said he wanted a casual, discreet "fling" with no strings attached. It said that he was married, but not happily! (He never said that to me.) It also showed that he had contacted three women, one here in

our small town. Even if he hasn't followed through. I feel that he has cheated on me by contacting those women. I know I need to talk to him and find out what is going on, but I don't know how to approach him without him claiming that I invaded his privacy Marriage counseling is not an option. Money is tight, and the minister of the church where we attend is his uncle. Please tell me

> - Hurt and Humiliated

in Adrian, Mich. Dear Hurt: Your husband may be as scared of telling you he's unhappy as you are to tell him that you

know For the sake of your marriage, it's time to

clear the air Tell Charles that you are aware of his extracurricular activities and how you feel. Do not allow him to put

vou on the defensive. If you think he might lie, contact the women and ask what's been going on. Since you prefer not to confide in your husband's uncle, consult another minister.

Dear Abby: I am a woman in my 30s with a group of close

friends who have been together since college. We have a question on which we are divided.

A couple of the women feel it is OK to apply lipstick, or pow-der their noses, at the table in a restaurant. The others feel it's inappropriate. We realize that in the scheme of things, this is a small issue, but it's causing unrest among us. There is also the question of whether or not it is appropriate to talk on a cell phone at the restaurant table

- Needs a Reply in Davidsonville, Md.

Dear Needs: I was taught that if the repair is a "quickie" — a dab of powder or an unobtrusive application of lipstick permissible at the table. If it takes more than a minute, the repair job should be done in the ladies' room

As to cell phones: It is rude and distracting to use one at the

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Unscramble these four Jumbles

one letter to each square to form four ordinary words UNREP

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form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Yesterday's

Jumbles: OAKEN Answer:

NUTTY ROTANY FAMOUS What she did when she dated the fencing star - TOOK A "STAB" AT IT

## Let sister's mistake stay in past

Dear Annie: My oldest sister, "Deb, recently confessed to me that she was the one who turned my mother in for welfare fraud over 20 years ago. Mom was arrested and served time in jail. Our family was torn apart. My younger sister and I were sent away to live with an abusive aunt. Although I understand what Mom did was wrong, she did it only because Dad was an alcohol-

ic and often kept money from Mom even if we children needed something. Mom went to her grave believ-

ing it was her mother-in-law who turned her in. I want Deb to confess what she did to the whole family Although it will not help Mom

heal any wounds, it would help the rest of us make amends. I am ready to tell Deb that if she doesn't come clean. I will do it for her. Whatever happened to honor thy mother and thy father?

- Baby Sis



was Deb when she did this? Don't you think she believed she was doing the right thing? And the end result may have been a shock to her. If Deb confesses, will it really help "make amends," or will it simply be a way to punish her? We under stand that you are angry and want Deb to

pay for making such a mess of your family, but try to forgive her. If she cannot bear to come clean, please leave it alone.

Dear Annie: I am 16, and my parents recently separated and started living in different houses I am living with my dad. I feel trapped between them When I am with my mom, she is

always trying to tear down my dad. I have always been closer to my father, and she knows this. Mom often is very rude to him, but he is always polite to her Dad never says a bad word

about my mother, and I do not understand why she can't do the same. She constantly tells me it was my dad's fault that she left,

when really it was hers. I'd like to have something to say when she bashes Dad. would also like a way to tell my dad that I don't like spending time with my mom. She is not a fun person to be around these days, and I'm having a hard time

dealing with her comments Stuck in the Middle in Washington

Dear Stuck: You can talk to your mother. Tell her, honestly and firmly, that you do not want to hear any more bad things about your father and it is unfair of her to put you in the middle. Try to understand that this separation is difficult for your mother, no matter whose idea it was, so it would help for you to be less judgmental. Still, Mom needs to see what her bitterness is doing to you

Happy Chanukah to all our Jewish readers.

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## **Family Circus**

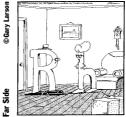


"Remind me to tell you about the good old days sometime, PJ."

# — Do THE M924 12/8







'All right! All right! If you want the truth, off and on ing all the vowels—a, e, i, o, u. Oh, yes! And sometimes y!



## **SCOREBOARD**

## AFN TV & Radio

#### Wednesday

AFN-Sports, 9 a.m. — NBA: New Orleans at Houston (dld). AFN-Sports, 12:30 p.m. — NBA: Charlotte at nals (did).

AFN-Sports, 9 p.m. — Motorcycle racing: THO World Supercross, 250 cc (dld).

## Thursday

AFN-Sports, 1 a.m. — College basketball: Notre Dame at Indiana. AFN-Atlantic and AFN-Radio, 1:30 a.m. — NBA: Toronto at Detroit.

IBA: Toronto at Detroit.
AFN-Sports, 3 a.m. — College basketball:
bklahoma at Purdue.
AFN-Sports, 5 a.m. — NFL: NFL Films Game of the Week I (dld). AFN-Sports, 9 a.m. — NBA: Orlando at Utah (dld).

AFN-Sports, 1 p.m. — College basketball: Minnesota at Nebraska (dld). AFN-Sports, 6 p.m. — Rodeo: National Fi-lais (dld). AFN-Sports, 9 p.m. — Golf: Target World hallenge first round.

All times Central European time; dld indi-cates delayed broadcast. All listings are sub-ject to change. Visit www.myafn.net for more information.

## College basketball

## Men's AP Top 25 fared

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11. Pittsburgh (6-0) did not play, Next: vs. Memphis, Tuësday.

12. North Carolina State (6-0) did not play.

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14. Texas (5-1) did not play, Next: vs. North Texas. Tuesday.

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17. IOWA (6-1) did not play. Next: at Ala-barna State, Tuesday. 18. Alabama (6-1) did not play. Next: at Ala-barna State, Tuesday. 19. Virginia (6-1) lost to Iowa State 81-79. Next: vs. Furman, Wednesday.

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24. Wisconsin (4-1) did not play. Next: vs. Wisconsin-Green Bay, Tuesday. 25. Gonzaga (5-1) did not play. Next: at Washington State, Tuesday.

## Monday's men's scores

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SOUTH Appalachian St. 84, S.C.-Upstate 74 Appalachian St. 84, S.C.-Upstate 7 Belmont 91, Navy 66 Embry-Riddle 78, LaGrange 75 Francis Marion 87, Wingate 78 Hampton 55, Florida A&M 49 Hofstra 78, Longwood 56 Howard 88, Md.-Eastern Shore 68 Kennesaw 109, Carver 82 Lipscomb 71, Savannah St. 56 Montevallo 71, Harding 65 Norfolk St. 68, Bethune-Cookman 53 Northwestern St. 85, Tulane 72 S. Carolina St. 65, Coppin St. 56 Tennessee Tech 93, Asbury 69 The Citadel 75, Atlanta Christian 49

Bethel, Minn. 74, Augsburg 55 Briar Cliff 68, St. Mary, Neb. 56 Carleton 76, St. John's, Minn. 49 Cent. Methodist 123, Cent. Chris Cornell, 10wa 86, Franciscan 85 DePaul 88, Ind.-Pur.-Indpls. 67

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Air Force 59, Colorado College 30
Arizona St. 89, Fairleigh Dickinson 81
Portland 82, Idaho St. 73
EXHIBITION
Calumet 65, Ind.-South Bend 61

#### Women's AP Top 25 fared

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1. LSU (8-0) did not play. Next: at No. 16
Alinnesota, Tuesday, Dec. 14.

2. Stanford (5-0) did not play. Next: vs. Pepenergy of the play. Next: vs. Liberty,
3. Duke (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Liberty,

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Alcorn St. 51, Samford 48
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Bethune-Cookman 61, Norfolk St. 56
Chattanooga 68, High Point 47
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Delta St. 83, Arkansas Baptist 42
Florida 71, Delaware St. 47
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Michigan 45, UNIL V 43
Minn.-Morris 85, Northland Bible 58
Missourl Western 98, Newman 45
SUL-Edwardsville 65, SW Baptist 55
St. Mary's, Minn. 76, Macalester 41
St. Thomas, Minn. 90, Hamilie 67
Waldorf 62, Briar Cilff 59
Wayne, Neb. 88, Grand View 55
Xavier 68, Ind.-Pur.-Rt. Wayne 50
SOUTHWEST

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S. Dakota St. 89, Texas St. 61
Texas Lutheran 63, Schreiner 53
Texas Tech 109, Miami 49

West Alabama 67, Henderson St. 64 FAR WEST

BYU 76, George Washington 70 Boise St. 60, Idaho St. 52 Washington 64, Denver 61 Wyoming 76, Texas-Pan American 51

## College football

#### Division I-AA playoffs

Quarterfinals Saturday, Dec. 4

Saturday, Dec. 4
William & Mary 44, Delaware 38, 20T
James Madison 14, Furman 13
Montana 47, New Hampshire 17
Sam Houston State 35, Eastern Wa:
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Semifinals Friday, Dec. 10
James Madson (11-2) at William & Mary (11-2) Saturday, Dec. 11
Sam Houston State (11-2) at Montana (11-2)

Championship Friday, Dec. 17 At Finley Stadium/Davenpo Chattanooga, Tenn. Semifinal winners

#### **Division II playoffs**

Semifinals
Saturday, Dec. 4
Valdosta State 45, West Chester 21
Pittsburg St. 31, North Dakota 19
Championship
Saturday, Dec. 11
At Braly Municipal Stadium

At Braly Municipal Stadium Florence, Ala. Pittsburg St. (14-0) vs. Valdosta State (12-1)

#### Division III playoffs

Rowan, N.J. 55, Delaware Valley 7 Mary Hardin-Baylor 52, Washington & Jef-ferson, Pa. I. 6 Mount Union, Ohio 38, Carthage, Wis. 20 Linfleld, Dre. 56, Occidental, Calif. 27 Semifinals Saturday, Dec. 11 Mary Hardin-Baylor (12-1) at Mount Union, Rowan N.J. 10, 20, 2011 Saturday, Dec. 4 Rowan, N.J. 56, Delaware Valle

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Championship Saturday, Dec. 18 Stagg Bowl At Salem Stadium Salem, Va.

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Carroll, Mont. 14, Azusa Pacific 10
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St. Francis, Ind. (13-0) vs. Carroll, Mont. (11-2)

## Baseball

Free agent signings

NEW YORK — The 22 free agents who has signed, with name, position, former club different, and contract. The contract info mation was obtained by The Associate Press from player and management soun AMERICAN LEAGUE

BOSTON (1) — Re-signed Doug Mirabelli, c, to a \$3 million, two-year contract. CLEVELAND (1) — Re-signed Bob Wickman,

rhp, to a \$2.75 million, one-year contract.

DETROIT (1) — Signed Troy Percival, rhp,
Anaheim, to a \$12 million, two-year contract.

MINNESOTA (2) — Signed Juan Castro, 3b,

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Cincinnati, to a \$2.05 million, two-year contract; signed Mike Redmond, c, Florida, to a \$1.8 million, two-year contract.

NEW YORK (1) — Re-signed John Flaherty, c, to an \$500,000, one-year contract.

TEXAS (1) — Re-signed Doug Brocali, rhp, to a \$1 million, one-year contract.

TORONTO (1) — Re-signed Greg Myers, c, to a milnor league contract (\$700,000).

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MEW YORK (1) -- Re-signed Kris Benson,
PHILADELPHA (1) -- Re-signed Cory Lidle,
flup, to a \$53 million, two-year contract.

SAM DIEGO (2) -- Signed Rudy Searce, rho;
Signed Dennys Reyes, Inp., Kansas City, to a
\$55,000, one-year contract.

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SAN FRANCISCO (2) — Signed Omai
Vizquel, sx, Cleveland, to a \$12.25 million
three-year contract; signed Armando Beni
tez, rhp, Florida, to a \$21.5 million
three-year contract.

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on, to a one-year contract

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ntin, ss. CLEVELAND (1) — Rick White, rhp. DETROIT (2) — Alan Levine. rhp: Esteban

an, rhp. KANSAS CITY (5) — Kevin Appier, rhp; Juan Sonzalez, of; Joe Randa, 3b; Desi Relaford, sonzalez, of; Joe Randa, 3b; Desi Relaford, b; Kelly Stinnett, c. MINNESOTA (4) — Henry Blanco, c; Corey Loskie, 3b; Terry Mulholland, lhp; Brad

Radke, rhp.

NEW YORK (10) — Miguel Cairo, 2b; Tony
Clark, 1b; Orlando Hernandez, rhp; Travis
Lee, 1b; Jon Lieber, rhp; Esteban Loaiza, rhp;
C.J. Nitkowski, lhp; John Olerud, 1b; Ruben Sierra, dh; Enrique Wilson, 2b. rra, dn; Enrique Wilson, 2b.

OAKLAND (4) — Jermaine Dye, of; Chris
ammond, lhp; Jim Mecir, rhp; Mark McLem-

SEATTLE (3)— Edgar Martinez, dh; Ron Vil-Inp; Dan Wilson, c. MPA BAY (5) — Brook Fordyce, c; John ma, Ihp; Tino Martinez, 1b; Todd Ritchie, Rev Sanchez. 2b.

np: Rey Sanchez, 2b.
TEXAS (12) — Manny Alexander, 2b; David
ellucci, of; Andy Fox, 3b; Brad Fullmer, dh;
usty Greer, of; Brian Jordan, of; Jeff Nelson,
p; Herbert Perry, dh; Jay Powell, rhp; John
Jasdin, rhp; Eric Young, of; Jeff Zimmer-

man, rhp.

TORONTO (6) — Dave Berg, of; Valerio De
Los Santos, lhp; Carlos Delgado, lb; Chris
Gomez, ss; Pat Hentgen, rhp; Grego Zaun, c.

ANIONAL LEAGUE

ARIZONA (11) — Carlos Baerga, lb; Danny
Bautista, of Greg Colbrunn, lb; Jeff Fassero,
Ihp; Mike Pettes, rhp; Mat Mantel, rhp;
rhp; Scott Service, rhp; Richie Sexson, lb;
Steve Sparks, rhp.

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Todd Walker, 2b.

CINCINNATI (4) — Darren Bragg, of; Barry Larkin, ss; Todd Van Poppel, rhp; Gabe White, lib.

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COLORADO (7) — Jeromy Burnitz, of; Royce Clayton, ss; Shawn Estes, lhp; Todd Greene

Steve Reed, rhp; Mark Sweeney, of; Jamey

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Russ Springer, rhp.

LOS ANGELES (12) — Wilson Alvarez, lhp;
Adrian Beltre, 3b; Elmer Dessens, rhp; Steve
Finley, of; Jose Hernandez, 2b; Todd Hundley, c; Jose Lima, rhp; Brent Mayne, c; Hideo
Nomo, rhp; Odalis Perez, lhp; Paul Shuey,
thou Delbis Location 2 he

hp; Robin Ventura, 1b.

MILWAUKEE (1) — Craig Counsell, ss.

MONTREAL (2) — Tony Batista, 3b; Eina Diaz, c. NEW YORK (7) — Ricky Bottalico, rhp: Mike DeJean, rhp; John Franco, lhp; Richard Hidal-go, of; Al Leiter, lhp; Mo Vaughn, 1b; Todd

Zelle, 1b.

PHILADELPHIA (8) — Rheal Cormier, Ihp;
Doug Glanville, of; Roberto Hernandez, rhp;
Todd Jones, rhp; Kevin Millwood, rhp; Eric
Milton, Ihp; Todd Pratt, c.; Placido Polanco,

ZD.

PITTSBURCH (1) — Brian Boehringer, rhp.

ST. LOUIS (9) — Cal Eldred, rhp: Steve
Kline, lhp: Ray Lankford, of; John Mabry, of;
Mike Matheny, c; Matt Morris, rhp: Edgar
Renteria, ss: Woody Williams, rhp: Tony
Womack, ZD. SAN DIEGO (7) — Andy Ashby, rhp; Rich Au-rilia, ss; Robert Fick, dh; Alex Gonzalez, ss; Dave Hansen, 1b; Antonio Osuna, rhp; David Wells, Ihn.

/ells, lhp.

SAN FRANCISCO (5) — Dave Burba, ason Christiansen, lhp; Dustin Hermar np; Ricky Ledee, of; Robb Nen, rhp.

## College soccer

## Men's Division I tournament

Saturday, Dec. 4
Maryland 1, St. John's 0
Duke 3, Virginia 0
UC Santa Barbara 4, Virginia Commonwealth 1 Sunday, Dec. 5 Indiana 4, Tulsa 0

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Men's College Cup
At The Home Depot Center
Carson, Calif.
Semifinals

Carson, Calif.
Semifinals
Friday, Dec. 10
Duke (18-5) vs. UC Santa Barbara(20-2-1)
Maryland (18-5-1) vs. Indiana (17-4-1)
Championship
Sunday, Dec. 12

## Deals

## Monday's transactions

RASFRALL

American League
BOSTON RED SOX—Named Fernando Aroyo pitching coach for Portland of the Eastrn League. Claimed RHP Tim Bausher off walvers from the Colorado Rockles.

TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Named Rick Williams special assistant to the general manager and Roger Jongewaard major league scout.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Claimed RHP Steve Andrade off waivers from the Anaheim An-

jels.
National League
CHICAGO CUBS—Named Mark O'Neal train-

er.

COLORADO ROCKIES — Announced LHP Jus-tin Hampson cleared outright waivers and assigned him to Colorado Springs of the PCL. Terminated the contract of LHP Denny

leagle.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Agreed to terms with OF Ricky Ledee on a two-year contract. MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms with INF Trent Durington on a minor league ontract. Sent OF Chris Magruder outright to lashville of the PCL.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Agreed to terr

PHILLES—Agreed to terms with C Todd Pratt on a one-year contract. Claimed RHP Pedro Liriano off waivers from the Milwaukee Brewers.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Named Hal McRae hitting coach. Named Jim Riggleman minor league field coordinator.

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BASKETRALL

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witt.

MILWAUKEE BUCKS—Signed G Kendall Gill.

Placed C Daniel Santiago on the injured list.

NEW JERSEY NETS—Placed F Awvee Storey
on the injured list. Activated G Jason Kidd
om the injured list.

UTAN JAZZ—Placed C Keith McLeod on the
Joured list. Activated G Raul Lopez from the

FOOTBALL

National Football League ST. LOUIS RAMS—Signed QB Jamie Martin. COLLEGE

COLLEGE
CALFORNIA—Agreed to a contract extension with Jeff Tedford, football coach,
CLEMSON—Freed Mike CYclin, Offensive coordinator, John Lovett, defensive coordinator, John Lovett, John

## TANK MCNAMARA THE NBA PLAYERS' UNION SAID



HIM THAT WAY, YOU CAN IMAGINE
WHAT GUYS WHO PLAY AGAINST HIM
WOULD THINK. NO REFEREE COULD PROTECT HIM. HIS NBA CAREER WOULD BE OVER.



## Kidd returns to Nets, assists on game-winning basket

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. -Jason Kidd played only 21 minutes in his season debut. That was just enough to lift the New Jersey

Making his return from knee surgery. Kidd assisted on Richard Jefferson's jumper from the lane with 7.1 seconds left that gave the Nets an 88-86 victory over the Toronto Rantors on Monday night.

Jefferson caught Kidd's pass on the right wing, took three dribbles to his left and launched a 9-footer that fell through.

So what if Jefferson did most of the work? "Heck, yeah, he deserved an assist," said Jefferson, who had 26 points, nine rebounds and eight assists. "I finished. but he put me in position to finish it.

Nets coach Lawrence Frank



made sure to rest Kidd throughout - he didn't start the second - but the seven-time All-Star managed 10 points, six rebounds and three assists, and forced Vince Carter into a missed lavun as time expired.

"I wanted to guard him," Kidd said. "We all knew in the huddle where the ball was going to end up. I wanted to guard him and try to make it as tough as possible.'

Kidd's presence was sorely missed by the Nets during their first 16 games. New Jersey won just four during that span, good for last place in the Atlantic Division

"It was a whole different feel-

forward Eric Williams said. "We got the ball up and down the floor and the game just looked a whole lot better.

Carter led Toronto with 22 points and Chris Rosh added 15

noints Two free throws by Jefferson with 52.5 seconds left made it 86-84, giving New Jersey its first lead since midway through the

first quarter Carter tied it 10 seconds later with two from the line. Spurs 91. Bulls 75: At Chicago Tony Parker scored 17 points and Tim Duncan had his 16th dou-

ble-double as San Antonio won its eighth straight. Duncan finished with 12 points and 11 rebounds for the Snurs

who improved to an NBA-best 16-3 despite 21 turnovers — two shy of their season high.

Tyson Chandler led Chicago with 17 points and 12 rebounds.

Pistons 101, Mavericks 85: At Dallas, Chauncey Billups tied his season high with 24 points and Richard Hamilton scored 13 of his 19 in the third quarter.

The Pistons took a 10-point lead into halftime, then stretched it to 21 in the third. The Maver icks never got closer than 12 the rest of the way.

Dirk Nowitzki shot 6-for-24 from the field, but scored 27 points by making 15 of 16 from the foul line

Nuggets 115, Magic 102: At Denver, Andre Miller scored 29 and Carmelo Anthony points. added 28 for the Nuggets.

Dwight Howard and Steve the Magic, who fell behind by 25 in the second quarter.

Oakland, Calif., Troy Murphy had a career-high 30 points and 15 rebounds to help Golden State win

consecutive games for the first time this season. Boston had a chance to win with 20 seconds left, but Paul Pierce airballed a jumper under

heavy defensive pressure. Pierce finished with 26 points and five rehounds. Jiri Welsch scored a career-high 24 points for the Celtics.

Clippers 99, Bobcats 93 (20T): At Los Angeles, Corey Maggette scored four of his 33 points in the second overtime and the Clippers overcame Elton Brand's fourth-quarter ejection.

Hawks 96. 76ers 92: At Atlanta, Josh Smith scored the tiebreak-ing basket with 17.6 seconds remaining, then blocked a shot to help the Hawks snap a nine-game losing streak.

## O'Neal becomes 31st with 10,000 rebounds

Police turn brawl case

over to prosecutors

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY - Shaquille O'Neal pulled down his 10,000th career rebound and Damon Jones scored 21 points with a career-best seven three-pointers to lead the Miami Heat past the slumping Utah Jazz 100-80 Monday night.

Dwyane Wade added 23 points and 12 rehounds for the Heat who swent the season series against the Jazz for the first time and got their first win at Utah in four years. O'Neal needed eight rebounds

entering the game to become the

The Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. - Po-

lice turned the findings from

their investigation of the Pac-

ers-Pistons brawl over to the Oakland County prosecutor on Mon-

day, and charges are expected to

"While the investigation will

continue, all of the major sus-

nects have been identified and

are now under review for possi-

be announced Wednesday

31st player with 10,000 career boards. He finished with 21 points and 13 rebounds, reaching the milestone in the third quarter when he pulled down a miss by Utah's Gordan Giricek during a 19-2 run for Miami.

O'Neal also had five assists. Matt Harpring scored 12 and Carlos Boozer finished with 11 points and 10 rebounds for the Jazz, who have lost five in a row and seven of eight.

The Heat were coming off a 104-95 loss at Denver on Saturday night and blew a 14-point lead early in the third quarter. then turned the game into a rout in the second half.

#### NBA scoreboard

Boston Philadelphia

Washington Orlando Miami

Eastern Conference

## Western Conference

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ver 4-10, McKie 1-3, Salmons 0-1, Iguodala 0-1, Iverson 0-2), Atlanta 4-21 (Walker 3-9, Drobnjak 1-4, Collier 0-1, Barry 0-1, Childress

0-1, Delk 0-1, Harrington 0-1, J.Smith 0-1, Diaw 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebound—S—Philadelphia 48 (Jackson 9), Atlanta 55 (Walker 12). Assists—Philadelphia 15 (Iverson 4). Atlanta 15 (Harrington 5). Total fouls—Philadelphia 26, Atlanta 21. Technicals—Philadelphia Defensive Three Second, Thomas. A—9,173 (19,445).

## Nets 88, Raptors 86

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## Spurs 91, Bulls 75

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## Pistons 101, Mavericks 85

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ble criminal charges," prosecutor David Gorcyca's office said in a release The fight among spectators and

players broke out after an on-court dispute over a foul during the game on Nov. 19. A fan hurled a drink at Indiana's Ron Artest, who then charged into the stands. Other Pacers players and fans joined the melee. Several people, including a police officer, were hit with a chair that was thrown.

Gorcyca has said players and fans could be charged with misdemeanor assault and battery. The only possible felony charge under consideration would be against whoever threw the chair.

'Warrants will be issued based largely upon the numerous and lengthy video tape, as well as ap-proximately 1,000 pages of reports. Everyone involved in the violation of a state law will be held accountable, regardless of their stature at the game," Gorcyca said

# Wizards far from woeful through 15 games

## Washington overcomes early adversity, several years of losing with its success

BY JOSEPH WHITE The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The culture of losing has taken a leave of absence from the Washington Wizards, who are off to their best start in three decades.

"I still feel that a lot of people think this is a fluke," forward Antawn Jamison said.

Well, of course they would. After all, these are the Wizards, who have been among the losingest franchises in American pro sports for 16 years. Big-name coaches and players — Michael Jordan chief among them — have arrived to find an intangible psy-chological barrier that kept the team from winning.

"We're trying to change a losing culture here," coach Eddie Jordan said a few dozen games into last season, after discovering to his dismay what everyone in town already knew. "And it's not easy."

But the locker room has a different feel this season. Players fed up with losing have changed the atmosphere. The Wizards are finding ways to win games, instead of excuses to blow another one.

The result is a 10-5 record, the franchise's best 15-game mark since the 1974-75 team started 11-4.

"We definitely have a better chemistry," center Brendan Hay-



Antawn Jamison, acquired by Washington in a draft-day trade with Dallas, is averaging 21.9 points, 9.2 rebounds and 40.5 minutes as the Wizards have compiled their best 15-game record since 1974.

wood said. "It's more of a confidence thing. When you lose games, when things start going bad you can get down on yourself quicker. When you win games, you believe in yourself more."

With the Redskins struggling and the Capitals locked out, the Wizards are unexpectedly the most exciting pro team in town, already surviving bits of adversity that might have sent them spiraling in the past.

Kwame Brown and Steve Blake have barely played because of injuries, and Etan Thomas has not suited up at all. Jordan missed two games while hospitalized with a blood clot in his leg, but the team played well under assistant Mike O'Koren. No one tanked when the team trailed the Chicago Bulls for nearty the entire game on Saturday, and instead the team rallied down the stretch for a seven-point win.

draft-day trade from Dallas, is putting up All-Star numbers and has quickly become the locker room leader

Point guard Gilbert Arenas has found his rhythm in his second season in Jordan's share-the-ball, movement offense. Larry Hughes leads the league in steals, evidence that the Wizards have finally figured out how to play defense.

Jamison, Hughes and Arenas played together for those years at Golden State, and they felt they never got a chance to fulfill the promise they showed there.

"People say we couldn't get it down when we were at Golden State," said Jamison, who is averaging 21.9 points, 9.2 rebounds and a team-high 40.5 minutes. "It thought it would be real nice to prove to the world, What if they had stuck with these three guys?"

"I love proving people wrong."
The Wizards have benefited from a tepid Eastern Conference schedule with no major road

trips, but they also have five road wins, a significant accomplishment for a team that won only eight road games and finished 25-57 last season. "We've tried to change the envi-

ronment and make it a hardworking, team-orientated environment," General Manager Ernie

Grunfeld said. "The players have taken on that and have embraced that and have tried to come together as a collective group."

No one took the last few years of losing harder than Hughes, who tasted success early in his caerer with Philadelphia. Hughes had seen too many teammates get used to losing, a condition he was determined to change.

"I seen players go into 'countdown' mode, counting down the days until the end of the season," Hughes said. "I don't want to be a countdown team. I want to be counting down the days until we make the playoffs."

The playoffs? The Wizards haven't won a playoff game since 1988.

Since then, they've mostly been fodder for the league.

At least until this year.

"On the outside looking in, when you played the Wizards, it was a W. That's just being honest," Jamison said. "You heard stories of things in the past, but once the opportunity presented itself, I knew we had the talent. I talked to Gilbert and Larry, they were really feel up with the situation. They wanted to make a difference and find a way to get it

"It was a lot of commitment coming into the season, a lot of guys who really wanted to go out there and prove to the fans and everybody that this can be a respectable organization."

## Murphy acquitted of sexual abuse charges involving daughters

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Calvin Murphy just wanted to bask in the moment after a jury cleared him of sexually abusing five of his 10 daughters more than a decade

"For right now, I am just going to take a step back and enjoy this moment," the Hall of Fame basketball player said as he left the courthouse.

"As you can tell, I am a very emotional person," he said. "I carry my feelings on my sleeve. And to hear that people believed in me and found me innocent of those charges, my heart just swelled up and started beating very fastly in my body."

The minute the jury left the courtroom, Murphy ran up to his defense attorney, hugging him tightly, slapping his back and giving him a kiss. Tears streaming from his face, he hugged and kissed everyone who would let him.

"I cannot say enough for what they have done to give me my life back," Murphy said.

He said he hopes to one day be able to sit down and talk with his daughters

"I want to start the healing process," he said. "Let's not forget that my family is in turmoil right now."

Murphy's daughters and prosecutors left the courthouse without



commenting. Prosecutors did not immediately return a message from The Associated Press seeking comment.

Murphy, 56, had long denied the allegations. He said they were based on resentment and a dispute over money.

The jury deliberated about two hours before returning its verdict in the monthlong trial.

"You can never fully repair his reputation," defense attorney Rusty Hardin told jurors during closing arguments. "But you can take that first step in righting an injustice."

Hardin claimed the women were lying and the charges against the former Houston Rockets player were fabricated. Murphy faced three charges of indecency with a child and three charges of aggravated sexual as-

Murphy could have faced five years to life in prison for the aggravated offenses and two to 20 years for the indecency violations.

Murphy was drafted in 1970 by the San Diego Rockets, who moved to Houston the following season. He quickly became a fan favorite. His 17,949 points were a franchise high until Hakeem Olajuwon passed him.

Known as the "Pocket Rocket" because of his small stature, Murphy missed just nine free throws — and made 78 straight in one stretch — in 1980-81 for a record single-season percentage of 958.

Following Monday's verdict, Hardin indicated Murphy would like to return to basketball. In September, he was dismissed from his job as a television analyst for the Houston Rockets.

Rockets senior vice president Tad Brown said the team was pleased Murphy was cleared and would re-evaluate his future at the end of the season.

#### Attorneys ask judge to keep Bryant's history out of civil suit

DENVER — Kobe Bryant's attorneys asked a judge Monday to make sure the NBA star doesn't have to answer questions about other "consensual relationships" as he defends himself against a civil lawsuit accusing him of

Bryant had promised to be available Monday or Tuesday to answer, for the first time, questions under oath about what happened at a mountain resort last

However, in a filing released Monday in federal court, Bryant's lawyers said both sides couldn't agree on the kinds of questions the Los Angeles Lakers star would be asked.

They said planned questions about Bryant's history of "consensual sexual relationships with anyone other than the plaintiff" have "no possible relevance" to the woman's claims.

They asked a judge to bar such questions.

The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages for pain, scorn and ridicule the woman says she has suffered since her encounter with Bryant at the Vail-area resort where she worked in June 2003.

Prosecutors dropped a sexual assult charge against Bryant on Sept. 1 after the woman said she no longer wanted to participate in the criminal case following a series of courthouse gaffes that released details about her on the Internet.

No trial date has been set in the civil case.

#### Bobcats acquire guard Rush from Lakers

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Los Angeles Lakes guard Kareem Rush was acquired by the Charlotte Bobcats on Monday for two second-round draft picks.

The Lakers received Char-

lotte's second-round picks for 2005 and 2008.

Toronto made Rush the 20th overall pick in the 2002 draft, then traded his rights to the Lakers. He averaged 4.6 points, 1.3 rebounds and 0.9 assists in his first two seasons.

He's averaging just 0.9 points and 1.2 rebounds in 6.5 minutes this season, but has been bothered by a right ankle injury and struggled to crack the lineup behind Kobe Bryant and Caron Butlar.

#### Orlando center Battie suspended for elbowing Gasol

NEW YORK — Orlando Magic center Tony Battie was suspended for one game without pay by the NBA on Monday for elbowing Memphis Grizzles forward Pau Gasol in the head.

Battie was called for a flagrant foul midway through the first quarter of Orlando's 96-91 victory on Saturday.

He served the suspension during Monday night's game at Denver.



# **Southern Cal dismisses Bibby**

## Former Utah coach Majerus considered a top candidate

By TODD HARMONSON

The Orange County Register

LOS ANGELES - Two seasons of losing and more than eight of contentious confrontations cost Southern California basketball coach Henry Bibby his job Monday after only four games this season.

Trojans athletic director Mike Garrett said his "gut feeling" was that USC needed an immediate change, and he fired Bibby with nearly two seasons remaining on his

"It's really a totality," Garrett said. "You want to make it out into wins and losses. It's more of a gut feeling and very much what I felt. We have to go in another direction."

Trojans assistant Jim Saja, who served on Steve Lavin's UCLA staff, was appointed interim head coach while USC's administrators search for a replacement

Garrett initially said Saia would remain in place for the duration of the season, but that might not be the case if the Trojans pick a coach who isn't bound to another

team. Former Utah coach Rick Majerus immediately was considered a strong candidate for the iob and could be available to take over during the season.

Majerus did not respond to a phone message left Monday.

"He's certainly a name on the list of peo-ple we've been looking at," said Garrett, who will turn over the search to USC senior associate athletic director Daryl Gro

USC officials were inundated with calls e-mails and faves from interested coaches and administrators are expected to gauge the interest of several others in their

Pepperdine coach and former Trojans guard Paul Westphal will be among them, along with Manhattan coach Bobby Gonzalez and UC Santa Barbara coach Bob Will-

Former Clippers coach Alvin Gentry. who is an assistant with Phoenix, has ex-

pressed interest in coaching at USC Despite USC's back-to-back 13-victory seasons, the Trojans job should garner plenty of interest because the school plans to open a multipurpose arena in the sum-

mer of 2006 after years of delays. "I think it's time for USC to really make a move and they could really shine with a new arena and positive hopes for this basketball program," said Saia, whom Bibby hired last spring as an administrative assistant then promoted to assistant coach be-

fore the season. Ribby who returned to campus late Monday to clean out his office, refused to comment on his firing only a few seasons after he showed that USC could win without a

He took USC to the national quarterfinals in 2001 and returned to the NCAA tournament in 2002 Since then, however, USC is 28-34, and

ne Trojans' recent debacle of a trip to North Carolina and La Salle seemed to signal that Bibby's players no longer were responding to his tough-love approach.

Garrett promoted assistant coach Bibby to interim coach and later hired him to replace Charlie Parker in 1996, and he had been one of Bibby's strongest supporters.

But even he said he grew tired of hearing how Bibby had kicked a player out of practice or benched him to teach a lesson in his self-imposed role of surrogate father.

This season already had included the departure of point guard Rodrick Stewart and his twin Lodrick's consideration of a transfer because of their unhappiness.

Was he a perfect father?" said Garrett. who said he didn't think about firing Bibby after USC went 13-15 last season. "I would

The move was surprising, especially USC was 2-2 after Saturday's victory over Brigham Young.

"Nobody saw this coming," said Saia, who used USC's practice time Monday to discuss the firing with the players in what he called a "mourning" session during which they accepted some blame for what happened



Henry Bibby, above, led USC to the NCAA tournament in 2001 and 2002, but the Trojans are 28-34 since then, Assistant Jim Saia will serve as interim head coach.

'We knew we had to win this year. We didn't think it would happen in midseason, but we thought it could happen at the end of the season. The Trojans insisted that they didn't re-

volt against Bibby, and forward Gregg Guenther said some players likely would ask Garrett to explain why he fired him. "I'm sure the administration had a good reason for doing it," USC guard Errick Cra-

ven said. "Though it's sad, we have to move on

We still have a season ahead of us.'

## New No. 1 Illinois rolls

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. - Luther Head scored 17 points and Dee Brown added 15 points and nine assists for Illinois, which celebrated its No. 1 ranking with a 78-59 victory over Chica-

**Top 25** 

go State on Monday night. The Illini (7-0) moved from fifth to the top spot in The Associated Press' poll on Monday. It was the third time in school history it

reached No. 1. The other two appearances were in 1952 and 1989, each for one week. "Sometimes we forget we're a Top 5 team, that we're No. 1," Brown said. "Fans go crazy

about it, but we're just humble. I've never been around a humble team like this." Deron Williams and Roger Powell Jr. each

added nine points for Illinois, which was playing its second game in three days and started a week that includes a trip to Georgetown on Thursday and a game against Oregon in Chicago on Saturday

Deji Akindele scored 14 points for Chicago State (0-5). The Illini made more than half their shots

for the fourth time this season and were 14-for-30 from three-point range In other Top 25 games on Monday

Josh Boone had a career-high 19 points and

grabbed 14 rebounds to lead host Connecticut. Boone anchored a dominating post for UConn (4-0), which overwhelmed smaller Northeastern (2-4). Connecticut leads the series 32-4 and hasn't lost to Northeastern since 1985

Marcus Barnes, who scored the first nine points for Northeastern, finished with 20.

Iowa State 81, No. 19 Virginia 79: Iowa State's Curtis Stinson scored 30 points, including the go-ahead three-pointer with 18.6 seconds left

Host Iowa State (4-1) survived a career-high 40 points by Virginia's Devin Smith and wasn't assured of winning until the Cavaliers (6-1) missed three shots in a wild flurry in the final seconds.

Virginia took a 79-77 lead when Gary Forbes drove for a basket with 27 seconds left, but Iowa State quickly got the ball to Stinson on the left wing and he made his fifth three-pointer to put the Cyclones up 80-79.

After Will Blalock of Iowa State made one free throw, Virginia's Sean Singletary raced the ball up the floor, drove for a layup from the right side and the Cavaliers missed two tin-ins

Iowa State's Curtis Stinson (1) battles for a rebound with teammate Jared Homan, right, and Virginia's Devin Smith, left, on Monday. Stinson scored 30 points and Smith had 40.

## Belmont's second-half surge sinks Midshipmen

The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Nick Otis hit four of five three-pointers and had 14 points to lead Belmont to a 91-66 victory over Navy on Monday

Belmont (2-3) shot 57.6 percent for the game and made 12

of 21 three-pointers. Navy (3-4) trailed 44-41 with 14.37 left until the Bruins scored 11 straight points. Navy, which shot 42.6

cent from the field, was led by Laramie Mergerson points) and David Hooper (10). The Midshipmen made four

of 17 three-pointers. Belmont never trailed after Josh Goodwin's layup made it

35-33 with 2:47 left in the first Navy will host Stony Brook

## Texas LB Johnson selected as college football's top defender David Pollack and Auburn cornerside linebacker, Johnson is con-

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Texas linebacker Derrick Johnson won the Bronko Nagurski Award in Charlotte on Monday night, hor ing his status as college football's defensive player of the year.

Johnson, a senior, beat four other finalists - Wisconsin defensive end Erasmus James, Marshall defensive end Johnathan Goddard, Georgia defensive end back Carlos Rogers. Johnson, who set a school

record with eight forced fumbles this season, became the first Texas player to win the 12-year-old award, presented by the Football Writers Association of America and the Charlotte Touchdown Club

"My biggest strength is my speed," said Johnson, who has been clocked in the 4.4-second

range in the 40-yard dash. "Speed is involved on every single play on defense, and there aren't too many guys who can outrun me.

Johnson also is a finalist for the Bednarik, Lombardi and Butkus awards

When Johnson was announced as the Nagurski winner, he flashed a "Hook 'em Horns" sign and was greeted by a standing ovation during a banquet in Char-lotte, A 6-foot-4, 235-pound weak-

sidered a likely top-10 pick in the NFL Draft. 'He's a special guy, real spe-

cial," Texas defensive coordinator Greg Robinson said.

Johnson edged other distinguished defensive players. Wisconsin's James, a 263-pounder who excels in rushing the passer, required constant double-teaming, might also be one of the top players in the draft. Georgia's Pollack was also a Nagurski finalist as a sonhomore

Marshall's Goddard led the country with 16 sacks. Auburn's Rogers was thought to be so dan-

gerous as a senior that SEC quarterbacks rarely threw near him. Johnson joins former Nagurski winners Dan Morgan of Miami,

Georgia's Champ Bailey, Michigan's Charles Woodson, Oklahoma's Roy Williams and Miami's Warren Sapp.

## **Players**, clubs make progress, but no deal yet

BY RONALD BLUM The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Baseball players and owners have made progress toward toughening rules on steroid testing, a move that would pre-empt congressional

How close they are to an agreement depends on which side you listen to.

Commissioner Bud Selig who has called for more frequent testing and harsher penalties, told Colorado Gov. Bill Owens two weeks ago that an agree-

ment was near. Owens said Monday Gene Orza, the union's chief operating officer, said that while the discussions toward a new agreement had advanced, there was more work to be

"We've had a series of discussions with the clubs. and in many respects they've been fruitful," he said Monday after the union opened its annual executive board meeting. "But to suggest we have a deal that either is going to be ratified by the executive board this week or is going to be put in place shortly is simply not right

Orza said discussions will continue, and a management official said owners hoped they would resume next week. Selig wants tougher rules in place by

Opening Day. 'I won't say we're a long ways away." Orza said of an agreement. "I don't want to say it's not possible. I just can't guarantee it.'

Currently, players are tested once from the start of spring training through the end of the regular season. Selig wants additional tests, some in the offseason, and more substances added to the banned list.

Under the agreement in place, scheduled to run until December 2006, players don't face suspensions until their second positive test for steroids.

In the wake of reports that Barry Bonds, Jason Giambi and Gary Sheffield told a federal grand jury they used steroids, Sen. John McCain has threatened to propose federal legislation that would override the drug-testing provisions in baseball's collective bargaining agreement.

Owens called Selig two weeks ago, telling him Colorado could enact its own steroid rules for players visiting Coors Field.

"As a big fan, I told him something needed to be done," Owens said. "He said they were close to reaching an agreement.

Owens hosts a monthly sports and highlights show on a regional network. "It's clear some of them don't want this," he said

of players. "The union has been dragging its feet for reasons that are hard to understand.

Selig had surgery Monday in New York to remove a cancerous lesion from his forehead and wasn't available for comment on Owens' remarks. Rob Manfred, baseball's executive vice president of

labor relations, declined to comment on the talks "If we cannot resolve this issue privately. I gladly will accept whatever help is offered by Senator McCain to achieve our ultimate goal." Selig said in a

statement Monday.

"I appreciate the support of Senator McCain, Selig said, adding that the "illegal use of these sub stances is damaging" baseball's credibility.

FOY NEWS SUNDAY/AP

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., says baseball must act to keep players from using steroids or Congress will.

"Perhaps, most damaging, it encourages our young fans to use these horrible substances," Selig While I would prefer to resolve this problem directly with the players' association and jointly implement a much stronger drug-testing policy in major league baseball, one modeled after our pro-gram in the minor leagues, I understand the need for swift and resolute action.

Reporters were barred from the lobby by Royal Palms Resort and Spa in Phoenix, preventing them from having access to most players at the meeting.

"We committed to them that we would provide a quiet, intimate location for their meeting, and that's what we've committed to do," Greg Miller, the hotel's general manager, said

Union spokesman Greg Bouris said the decision was made by the hotel

After arriving at the hotel, Rich Aurilia declined to comment

Reached on his cell phone, even the usually talkative Curt Schilling refused to discuss steroids.

Baseball didn't ban steroids until Sept. 30, 2002 and testing for steroids with nenalties started only this year. Each player is tested once from the start of spring training through the end of the regular season, and a first positive test results in counseling. A player who tests positive a second time could be suspended for 15 days, and discipline rises to a one-year suspension for a fifth positive test.

Players with minor league contracts aren't covered by collective bargaining. They're tested four times per year, in and out of season, and have a wider list of banned substances, including Human Growth Hormone and amphetamines. They're subject to a 15-game suspension for a first positive steroid test, a one-year penalty for a fourth positive test and a lifetime ban from the minors for a fifth posi

"The minor league program has been very effective at getting us to very low positive rates in the minor leagues," Manfred said.

Chicago White Sox General Manager Kenny Williams said possible steroid use had become a factor he weighed in evaluations of trades and signings

"That's part of the equation," he said. "If you have not thought about it in recent years, you've had your head buried in the sand."

Associated Press writers Steven K. Paulson in Denver, Bob Baum in Phoenix and Nancy Armour in Chicago contributed to

## Steroid talk slows free agent market

## Midnight Tuesday marks arbitration deadline

BY RONALD BLUM The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The free-agent market slowed to a crawl before Tuesday's midnight deadline for teams to offer salary arbitration to their former players.

Teams held off completing agreements with free agents, waiting to find out whether arbitration offers would be made. In many cases, clubs would lose picks in June's amateur draft for signing players who received arbitration offers from their old clubs It appeared the New York Mets

would not offer arbitration to left-hander Al Leiter, who has been negotiating with the Florida Marlins. It wasn't known whether Philadelphia would offer arbitration to Eric Milton, who has been talking with the New York Yan-

Red Sox principal owner John Henry and chief executive officer Larry Lucchino plan to meet with Pedro Martinez in the Dominican Republic on Wednesday The two are making the trip to mark the first anniversary of the opening of the Red Sox baseball academy

outside Santo Domingo. "Certainly we hope to see and meet with Pedro," Henry wrote in an e-mail to The Associated Press on Monday night. Lucchino said the meeting was intended to he social

The White Sox appeared resigned to losing four-time All-Star Magglio Ordonez, Chicago knows teams will have interest in a 30-year-old outfielder with a .307 career average, 187 homers and 703 RBIs. But if Ordonez accepts arbitration, he'd get a sala ry close to the \$14 million he made last year

Ordonez only played 52 games last season because of an injured left knee that required surgery. and hasn't allowed Chicago to examine the knee.
"I asked for [an evaluation] a

couple of different times," White Sox General Manager Kenny Williams said. "That was actually prior to the end of the season where I tried to get him back into Chicago for an examination by our doctors. Obviously, we never got that far. And I did ask again at the general manager meetings. I was told we'd have the same opportunity as all the other clubs out there

Williams said the White Sox won't pursue Randy Johnson. The 41-year-old left-hander apnears to want to leave rebuilding Arizona to pitch for a contender, but he also has a no-trade clause.

'I've been told he won't pitch n the South Side of Chicago. Williams said.

Just two free agents agreed to contracts Monday, with outfielder Ricky Ledee getting a \$2.5 million, two-year deal from the Los Angeles Dodgers and backup catcher Todd Pratt receiving a \$750,000, one-year deal to stay with the Philadelphia Phillies.

Also Monday, the Colorado Rockies terminated Denny Neagle's \$51 million, five-year contract, three days after the oft-injured pitcher was cited for solicitation.

"This decision is about an organization and the fans that support it," Rockies chairman Charles Monfort said. "Denny's pattern of behavior has not been consistent with what our organization represents

Neagle, who has not pitched in more than a year because of inju-ries, was pulled over Friday in suburban Lakewood for allegedly sneeding Police said a woman in his car told them he had paid her \$40 for oral sex.

Neagle's agent, Barry Meister, declined comment. The players association could file a grievance to overturn the team's decision and get the left-hander the remaining money owed under the

contract.
The 36-year-old Neagle is owed \$19 million by the Rockies: \$10 million in 2005 and a \$9 million buyout of a \$12.5 million team ontion for 2006. He last pitched on July 20, 2003, and in the past 14 months has had elbow and shoulder surgery

## Orioles wooing RHP Pavano

BALTIMORE - Carl Pavano was given a tour of Camden Yards on Monday by Baltimore Orioles executive vice president Jim Beattie. It was the fourth site visited

this fall by Pavano, who was 18-8 with a 3.00 ERA with the Florida Marlins last season. He has also been wooed by the Detroit Tigers, New York Yankees and world champion Boston Red Sox.

Payano arrived in Baltimore on Sunday and had dinner with Orioles owner Peter Angelos, Beattie, manager Lee Mazzilli and

pitching coach Ray Miller. Payano will next visit with the Seattle Mariners and will head toward Anaheim, where baseball's winter meetings begin Friday

Reattie said the Orioles did not extend an offer to the right-hand-

er on Monday "We're MLB going to talk to him again at briefs

meetings," Be-

#### attie said

#### Tigers OF arrested for theft PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla.

Detroit Tigers outfielder Craig Monroe was arrested for alleged ly stealing a \$29.99 helt from a department store, a records clerk at Charlotte County jail said Tues-

Monroe wrapped the belt around his waist and tried to leave the store without paying Friday, according to the arrest report. He nosted \$500 bond and was released from county jail that day.

Monroe is scheduled to face ar-

raignment Dec. 15.

#### Giambi agent makes first statement since steroid report The Associated Press bi's testimony, issued a one-para through good times and bad. He

NEW YORK — Jason Giam-bi's agent said the New York Yankees first baseman appreciated the support of fans, though he didn't address a report last week that said his client told a grand jury he used steroids.

Arn Tellem, who had not returned phone calls seeking comment since the report of Giamgraph statement Monday. "Jason Giambi is an extreme

ly dedicated athlete and a caring and loyal teammate," Tellem said. "Jason loves the game of baseball, the Yankees, and the extraordinary New York Yankees fans. Jason has always appreciated the steadfast support of the fans who have been there is determined, focused and working hard to return to form in 2005 and help the Yankees get back to the World Series. Yankees lawyers are investi-

gating whether the team can terminate Giambi's contract, nullifying all or part of the \$82 mil-lion he is owed over the final four seasons of his \$120 million, seven-year deal.

# Cal keeps coach, demands answer

## Tedford signs 5-year deal, calls on coaches to make poll voting public

BY GREG BEACHAM The Associated Press

BERKELEY, Calif. - Jeff Tedford plans to keep California in contention for a Rose Bowl berth during each season of his new

five-year contract. He also wants to know which of his fellow coaches helped prevent the Golden Bears from getting to Pasadena this season.

After signing a lucrative new deal Monday that could keep him Cal through 2009, Tedford called for voters in the coaches poll to make their choices public.

The Rears finished fourth in the poll, but six coaches inexplicably dropped them below No. 6 on the final ballots - one of several factors that kept Cal just short of a Bowl Championship Series berth

"It's something we need to said Tedford, one of the poll's 61 voters. "One of the worst things that could happen is the votes being kept secret. If we had it to do all over again, I would hope that we'd make them pub-

Though Cal's players and fans were abuzz over Tedford's new commitment to the school following the Bears' best regular season in a half century, nobody could fathom why six coaches picked the Bears seventh or lower in the final poll - four at No. 7 and two in the eighth slot.

In the previous week's poll, no-body picked Cal lower than sixth. The latest vote came after Cal's 26-16 win at Southern Mississippi

on Saturday night - a close game, but a tough road contest that wasn't in doubt in the final minutes Pac-10 Commissioner Tom

Hansen also wants to put names to the votes that hurt Cal's BCS standing.

Those votes should be called out." Hansen said. "We ought to know who did that, because that's

After leading Texas for several weeks, Cal (10-1) slipped behind the Longhorns into fifth place in the final BCS standings Sunday, in part because the Bears lost ground in both The Associated Press and coaches polls recently. The BCS drop caused Cal to

miss out on the school's first Rose Bowl in 45 years. The Golden Bears got a meeting with Texas Tech in the Holiday Bowl instead. In the AP poll, Cal finished 62 points ahead of Texas in fourth

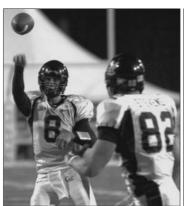
place. In the coaches poll, the Bears were just five points ahead of Texas, which will play Michigan in the Rose Bowl

The Associated Press made public its poll Sunday, listing each voter's name, news organization and votes for Nos. 1-25. None of the AP media voters had Cal ranked lower than sixth.

But the American Football Coaches Association conducts the balloting for the ESPN/USA Today coaches poll, and the coaches voted twice this year to keep their hallots secret

"I certainly have a question of some of them," Hansen said of the coaches' votes. "Something pretty unusual happened between last week and this week. I'd like to have the Cal football team be able to know which coaches thought they weren't in the top

AFCA President Grant Teaff said the ballots from the final coaches noll will not be released



rnia quarterback Aaron Rodgers, left, throws a short pass to tight end Craig Stevens during Saturday's game against Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, Miss. The Golden Bears were denied a spot in a lucrative BCS bowl, in part because six coaches dropped the team below sixth place in the final balloting for the ESPN/USA Today poll.

He said he didn't believe there was anything suspicious about the final voting.

"We do very good due diligence to run a credible poll," he said. "I understand their obvious concerns. I'm not oblivious to that.'

Teaff said making the ballots open will be discussed again in January.

The controversy didn't detract from Tedford's excitement over a new contract that should end speculation on his future at Cal. With other schools already inquiring about Tedford's availability for the third straight year, the coach and athletic director Sandy Barbour got something done anickly.

"I didn't want to entertain any thing else," Tedford said. "I hope body knows by now that I am 100 percent committed to this program in the future."

And Cal is committed to Ted-

ford, who will make \$1.5 million per year plus as much as \$300,000 in incentives, along with a \$2.5 million retention bonus at the end of the contract. The bonus boosts his annual salary to \$2 million — exactly the amount that will be made by new Florida

coach Urban Meyer. It's an impressive financial investment for Cal, an academic power where athletics have al-ways been viewed skeptically by certain faculty and students. It's also a significant coup for Bar-bour, who raised all the money to keep her football coach entirely from private donors in just 21/ months on the job

"There was a call to action that we put out there, and I can't say enough about how people re-sponded," Barbour said. "I've said for months that I believed Jeff wanted to be here, and now he has proven it.

Associated Press writer Janie McCauley contributed to this report.

## Illini hire Zook to fix woeful program

BY JIM PAUL

CHAMPAIGN. III. - Illinois is turning to Ron Zook to reinvigo. rate its struggling football program.

The school scheduled an afternoon news conference to introduce the former Florida coach,

Brown. the university's sports information director.

Zook and athletic director Ron Guentalked ther Tuesday, last Illinois could not



coach until a

name a new two-week waiting period to meet equal employment opportunity guidelines passed. The deadline was 5 p.m. Monday.

Florida fired Zook on Oct. 25, two days after the Gators lost at Mississippi State, satisfying a growing groundswell for his ouster that began two years earlier after he replaced Steve Spurrier.

But Zook coached the Gators for the rest of the season and led them to a 3-1 record in their final four games and an invitation to the Peach Bowl. In his two seasons at Florida, he went 23-14 with impressive victories over eventual national champion LSU last season and an upset of Florida State on Nov. 20, the Gators' first win in Tallahassee since

Zook has 26 years of coaching experience, including six years in the NFL as an assistant for the Kansas City Chiefs, Pittsburgh Steelers and New Orleans Saints, where he was defensive coordinator for two seasons.

At Illinois, Zook will replace Ron Turner, who was fired Nov. 22 - two days after finishing his third straight losing season.

Turner's teams won only five Big Ten games after winning the conference championship in 2001 and going to the Sugar Bowl.

Illinois won only once in 2003 and lost 14 consecutive Big Ten games between Nov. 23, 2003, and a 26-22 win over Indiana on Nov. 6. Two of the Illini's four wins in the past two seasons have been against Division I-AA opponents, Illinois State and Florida

Guenther replaced Turner after determining that recruiting problems had "reached a point of no return," he said.

Zook, 50, a native of Loudonville, Ohio, and a former assistant coach at Ohio State, has a reputation for being a tireless recruiter.

## IOC investigating Jones for doping violations

LONDON - The IOC opened an investigation Tuesday into doping allegations against Marion Jones, who could eventually be stripped of her five medals from the 2000 Olympics. International Olympic Commit-

tee President Jacques Rogge set up a disciplinary commission to look into the claims made by Victor Conte, head of the California-based lab accused of illegally distributing steroids.

Conte told ABC's "20/20" in a

broadcast aired Friday that he gave Jones performance-enhancing drugs before and after the Sydney Olympics. He said he watched Jones injected herself with human growth hormone.

"The allegations made by Mr Conte are extremely serious and the IOC is fully committed to Sports briefs

light any elements that will help the truth prevail," the IOC said

in a statement. Jones won three gold and two bronze track and field medals in Sydney She reneatedly has denied ever using banned drugs, and has threatened to sue Conte

for defamation. Rogge advocates a "zero tolerance" policy on doping.

World Anti-Doping Agency chief Dick Pound, a senior IOC member, has said Jones medals should be stripped if Conte is telling the truth. Any decision on the medals would be made by the IOC executive board.

Last week, Rogge said it was too early to speculate about revok-ing the medals. he said. "We want the truth. We want to know what happened and the more we know, the better.'

#### White says she didn't know she was using steroids at first

WASHINGTON - Sprinter Kelli White thought she was taking flaxseed oil when the former world champion first started using banned substances provid-Victor Conte.

"He gave me vitamins and protein shakes and things that I was told were flaxseed oil." White told ABC News "Nightline," in an interview broadcast Monday night

White, who won two gold medals at the 2003 world championships, previously said she had only taken the prescription stimulant modafinil because she suffered from a sleep disorder. But she later admitted to taking

performance-enhancing drugs in May, and accepted a two-year drug ban that cost her a trip to the Athens Olympics and every medal she'd won the past

White said she found out she was misled two weeks after hooking up with Conte

#### Stanford offensive coordinator takes Western Michigan job

KALAMAZOO, Mich. - Stanford offensive coordinator Bill Cubit was hired Tuesday as head coach at Western Michigan. Cubit replaces Gary Darnell

who was fired Nov. 14 but staved on to coach the final game of the season six days later. The Broncos lost 31,21 at Marshall finish. ing the season 1-10 overall and 0-8 in the Mid-American Confer-

# Playoffs suddenly seem within reach for Bills

## Offensive revival leads to six wins in past eight games

BY JOHN WAWROW

ORCHARD PARK N.Y - Coach Mike Mularkey refuses to do the playoff math because it's too complicated to consider where his Buffalo Bills might fit into the

"I'm maybe not smart enough to go through it," Mularkey said Monday. "But it's really irregardless of what happens out there. It's us taking care of our business

The Bills, who were 0-4, have suddenly climbed in the postseason picture after winning six of their past eight games, including a 42-32 victory at Miami on Sunday.

Buffalo (6-6) has four games left and is among five teams that have a chance to win the AFC's sixth and final playoff berth The group of contenders includes Den-

ver and Baltimore, both 7-5, and two 6-6 teams: Jacksonville and Cincinnati.

The Rills aren't in the driver's seat considering Baltimore and Jacksonville have the tiebreaker edge because they've both beaten Buffalo this season.

But the Bills might have an advantage in their relatively easy stretch - Cleveland (3-9). Cincinnati and San Francisco (1-11) — before hosting Pittsburgh (11-1) in their season finale.

Mularkey declined to look beyond Sunday's game against Cleveland, choosing to stick to the one-game-at-a-time mantra he's preached since the Bills got themselves into their early season mess.

"We're living day by day around here, week by week," linebacker Takeo Spikes



Buffalo's Drew Bledsoe, coming off his first four-touchdown game since September 2002, is 59-for-91 for 737 yards, eight TDs and four interceptions in his past three games

said. "If we can just focus on going 1-0 instead of worrying about going 4-5 or 6-0, everything else will take care of itself.

For a team that hasn't enjoyed a winning season since going 11-5 in 1999, the Bills are playing with a newfound resilience under their rookie coach.

The offense is suddenly clicking, having produced 12 touchdowns in the past three games. That matches the number it generated in its first nine.

Willis McGahee has been a factor, helping the Bills go 6-1 since he replaced Travis Henry as a starting running back.

And quarterback Drew Bledsoe appears rejuvenated, quieting the critics who were calling for his benching after he unrayeled in a 29-6 loss at New England on Nov. 14.

In the three games since, Bledsoe is 59 of 91 for 737 yards, with eight touchdowns and four interceptions. In Sunday's win at Miami, he had his first four-TD game since Week 4 of the 2002 season and finished with a 132.9 quarterback rating, the fifth-best of his 12-year career.

"I think a lot of that [criticism], he took personally," Mularkey said. "He's a very

#### AFC playoff chase

Five teams are vying for the final playoff spot in the AFC. Here are the teams in contention, with Baltimore (7-5) — N.Y. Giants, at India-

napolis, at Pittsburgh, Miami Denver (7-5) - Miami, at Kansas City, at

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prideful guy. His teammates are behind him, the coaching staff's behind them. I just think he responded as his team has all

The defense, meanwhile, has avoided the inconsistency it displayed in the first four games by squandering three fourth-quarter leads.

Despite giving up a season-high 32 points at Miami, the Bills had seven turnovers, including Pat Williams' interception return for a touchdown that ended the scoring.

Then there's special teams, which continues to be Buffalo's most consistent unit. Terrence McGee's game-opening 104-yard kickoff return against Miami was the third touchdown return of his season, making him only the 10th player to have three or more in one year.

The Bills have also returned two punts for scores this season, tying an NFL record held by three teams for most combined kickoff-punt returns for touchdowns.

Buffalo is a different team from the one that opened the season by losing three of four by three or fewer points. Still, Spikes said the turnaround won't mean anything until the Bills complete the job.

"I don't see it as an accomplishment," he said. "Anything else other than going to the playoffs this year is irrelevant.

## Flamboyant Portis a model teammate this season

BY JOSEPH WHITE The Associated Press

ASHBURN, Va. - From the first day of the Washington Redskins' first minicamp in March, Clinton Portis was marching to a different beat.

While his teammates were practically swooning over their first practice under returning Hall of Fame coach Joe Gibbs, Portis was the one shaking his head about the short offseason.

"Being here a month before the draft, I think it came too quick,

The Redskins already knew from Portis' Denver days that he was flamboyant, defiantly confident and very much an individual. Such players are fun to have on the team, but they can be dan gerous wild cards in the locker room when things go sour

Yet, when Portis saw his workload diminish during a recent three-game losing streak, he did something that didn't fit the profile at all: He remained a team player, not publicly demanding the ball or questioning the play-calling even once.

"I'm a key in this offense," Por-tis said after Sunday's 31-7 victory over the New York Giants, "I know guvs are looking at me. I



know guvs are going to follow me. So I can't blow my lid and lose the team. Therefore I stick with it. I'll get my opportunities, and I've

As Portis spoke those words, he was wearing cool-looking shades and a stylish black overcoat, having declined to face the cameras until he was dressed to a T. A few minutes earlier, he had walked off the field wearing a boxer's championship belt after a

just got to respond."

31-carry, 148-vard performance that helped his team end the three-game skid

and 0-8

He played the game wearing red socks instead of the usual white because, in his words, "If you're not looking sweet, you really can't play too sweet.'

So yes, Portis the individual lives on. But, in keeping with the remarkable player unity Gibbs has established through this diffi-cult season, the running back

with the \$50 million contract hasn't been a team-wrecker.

"He has been so good that way," Gibbs said Monday. "I would have probably been upset if I was him. But hopefully guys understand on a team what we're doing and what we're up against. Clinton, since he's been here, he's been kind of all football. He loves playing the games. I don't think he'd vote for a lot of practices and stuff, but he loves playing the

And, for the record, Gibbs also didn't mind Portis' red socks, which will likely draw a fine from the league, or the championship belt Portis used to proclaim himself "the best back in the NEL."

"Contrary to popular belief, I like guys with a little humor and some personality," Gibbs said. "I'm supposed to be a milquetoast. That's supposed to be my reputation, but actually I like guys like that. I've coached quite a few, some real characters, and we got along real good. As long as they'll play on Sunday."

Portis' only whiff of controversy this season came after a loss to Cleveland in October, when he said he was told by some Browns players that the Redskins' offense was predictable. Portis' com-ments appeared valid and were

supported by other players, but the Redskins' coaches made it clear they weren't happy with what Portis had said.

Mostly, however, it's been Gibbs who has been called on the carpet for not using Portis properly. Portis has been the team's strongest offensive weapon, but he had just 17, 17 and six carries in consecutive losses to Cincinnati. Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

The Redskins are 4-0 when Portis runs for 100 yards, 0-8 when he doesn't

Gibbs fixed the errors of his ways against the Giants, running Portis on the first five plays of the game and seven times in the onening drive. The Giants, weakened along the defensive line by injuries, failed to put up much resistance, so it was a perfect day to get a fired-up running back in the flow. Portis' day put him at 1,093 vards, third in the NFC. 'When I handed the ball off to

him first play," quarterback Patrick Ramsey said, "and he got 7 vards or whatever, he came back to the huddle and basically said, 'I want the ball.'

"The next play I handed it to him, saw him get a first down and spin the ball, and I thought, 'It's over. He's inspired today.' I knew his attitude was a little bit different. He was ready to go.

#### NFL scoreboard

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# Cardinals make another QB switch

The Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. - The Arizona Cardinals' quarterback carousel kept right on spinning Monday, with coach Dennis Green choosing Josh McCown as next week's starter by de-

Seventh-round draft pick John Navarre broke his right ring finger during a 26-14 loss at Detroit. Asked if Navarre, who threw four interceptions, played well enough to have

kept the job. Green called the question irrelevant because the rookie is out for two to three weeks.
"He had four throws briefs

that he would love to have back," Green said. "I think that he's a strong personality type, had some good poise."

McCown led the Cardinals to a 4-5 record that included two straight victories. But he threw for only 129 and 90 yards, respectively, in the wins over Miami and the New York Giants, and Green decided to see what the back ups could do.

The Cardinals went 0-3 under Shaun King and Navarre, scoring 27 points and making 12 turnovers. The last loss guaranteed their 19th non-winning season in the past 20 years.

"When you lose three in a row, it's tough, and a win is always the cure-all for that week," McCown said. "It always makes everybody feel better, so that's what I'm focused

One of Green's first decisions with Arizona was to anoint McCown, a third-year veteran from Sam Houston State, his top quarterback. Green was so sure about it that he passed on Ben Roethlisberger with the No. 3 pick in April to take wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald. McCown got no indication from Green

about whether he would finish the season as No. 1. "Just this game [against San Francisco],

#### and that's all that matters," McCown said. "I can't worry about the next four games.

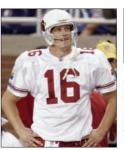
#### Rattay, Barlow questionable SANTA CLARA, Calif. - San Francisco quarterback Tim Rattay and running back Keyan Barlow are questionable for Sunday's

game at Arizona, the latest misery in the 49ers' 1-11 season. Rattay partially tore the fascia muscle in his

right foot early in the Niners' loss at St. Louis, coach Dennis Erickson said Monday. Rattay will wear a protective boot this week, and Erickson believes the quarterback could be out for two weeks or more

Barlow's disappointing season took another bad turn when he got a concussion in last Sunday's loss. He has just 629 yards rushing and six touchdowns this season, and his average of 3.2 yards per carry is the NFL's lowest among starting running backs

Ken Dorsey, who lost all three of his starts earlier this season while Rattay was out with other injuries, is expected to start Sunday. Dorsey has thrown four interceptions and no touchdown passes this season while playing with nagging injuries to his thumb and groin.



Cardinals quarterback John Navarre watches the final minute on Sunday, when the rookie threw four interceptions in his first start.

## Raiders lose Curry for season

ALAMEDA, Calif. — WR Ronald Curry tore his left Achilles' tendon and is done for

the season The receiver was hurt during Sunday's 34-27 loss to Kansas City and will have sur-

gery soon, Raiders coach Norv Turner said Monday. The team hopes to have Curry back at full strength by training camp after what's expected to be six months of rehabilitation. Curry had the same injury to his right Achilles' ten-

don during college at North Carolina.

The 25-year-old Curry has a team-high 50 catches and six touchdowns receiving.

#### Rolle to miss 2-4 weeks

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Cornerback Samari Rolle had surgery on his left knee Monday and will be out two to four weeks.

Coach Jeff Fisher said there was a chance

Rolle could return before the season ends Jan. 2 against Detroit.

The Titans also lost linebacker Rocky Calmus for the season with a strained left ham-

#### Chandler to start this week

#### ST. LOUIS - For at least another week, the Rams offense will be in the hands 39-year-old Chris Chandler, the backup to the injured Marc Bulger

Bulger sprained his right shoulder on a sack by Bryant Young with 1:40 left in the first quarter of Sunday's 16-6 victory over the The injury is identical to one he sus tained at Miami on Oct. 24, when he would have missed one week except the Rams (6-6)

Coach Mike Martz said Monday that Bulger, who had led the NFL in yards passing before Sunday, didn't completely recover from

#### NFL injury update

Injuries to prominent NFL playes, followed by team's prognosis, (see Friday's edition for complete injury representations). The seek-to-week.

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the earlier injury until last week.

There is a little bit of swelling in the joint. but there's no damage evidently to the ligaments that hold the joint together, which is ter-rific," Martz said. "Hopefully we'll get him back in short order, but we'll have to see."

Chandler was 18-for-27 for 216 yards and his first touchdown pass in more than a year. He'll be making his 151st career start for an NFL-record seven teams, and that includes an earlier stint in 1994 with the Rams when Martz was the team's quarterback coach.

## Vikings lose CR Winfield for 2 weeks

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. - Cornerback Antoine Winfield will miss at least two starts with a high ankle sprain. Winfield, who leads the Vikings with 94 tackles and three interceptions, injured his left ankle in the first quarter of Sunday's 24-14 loss at Chicago.

He could suit up in a reserve role Dec. 19 at Detroit, but isn't expected to start until the following week against Green Bay, coach Mike Tice said. Terrance Shaw, who filled in Sunday, will start this week against Seattle. Derek Ross will take Shaw's spot in the nickel pack-

#### Packers' Diggs still in hospital

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Linebacker Na'il Diggs remained hospitalized Monday with a bruised kidney he sustained Sunday at Phila-

Diggs was taken to a hospital in Philadelphia after getting hurt during the Packers' 47-17 loss to the Eagles, then flew home on the team charter and was taken to a hospital in Green Bay so doctors could perform additional tests and keep him under observation.

"I have concerns about him as a person, as an athlete," coach Mike Sherman said Mon-"But I think he'll be back tomorrow. To what degree? Things have to clear up consider-

Sherman said he'll list Diggs, his top linebacker, as doubtful for Sunday's game against Detroit. If he can't play, Paris Lenon will start in his place.

## Fassel won't pursue college jobs

OWINGS MILLS, Md. - Jim Fassel will not interview for coaching vacancies at Notre Dame and Stanford, opting instead to continue his pursuit of an NFL job as a head coach. "I have no plans to pursue or accept a col-

lege job this year," he said Monday.
Fassel was head coach of the New York Giants from 1997-2003. Now a senior consultant with the Baltimore Ravens, he has been working extensively with the offense while oversee-

ing the developing second-year quarterback Kyle Boller.

## **Changes:** Seahawks spinning out of contention

CHANGES, FROM BACK PAGE

It's another story for Seattle (6-6), which has won only three games after a 3-0 start and dropped into a tie atop the NFC West with St. Louis. Worse for the Seahawks, the Rams hold the tiebreaker with two head-to-head wins

The talk in training camp was that Seattle was ready to contend in the NFC. With road trips to Minnesota and the New York Jets ahead, plus home games against Arizona and Atlanta, nothing is certain.

"We need to get back to work. We have to put it behind us and do the right thing," said Seattle receiver Jerry Rice, who became the NFL's career leader in combined net yards with 23 469 This loss will sting because the Seahawks

were sharp in building an early 14-3 lead. Then came three fumbles that helped Dallas score 26 unanswered points in the second and third quarters.

We are our own worst enemy," coach Mike Holmgren said. "We were tonight. I know I've said that before. We do some very good things and then we do some things that demonstrate a lack of maturity. It has cost us dearly this season

Seattle wasn't out of it, erasing a 15-point hole with three scoring drives in the fourth quarter.

The Seahawks led 32-29 with 5:29 to go after Matt Hasselbeck's 19-yard TD pass to Jerheme Urban and a successful 2-point conversion pass to Darrell Jackson. It was time for the knockout punch.

Ken Hamlin came up with a huge interception to give the Seahawks possession at the Dallas 41, and Shaun Alexander broke a 32-yard scoring run on fourth-and-1 to put Seattle up 39-29 with 2:46 to play.

Then, Jones and the Cowboys took control. "It's tough. You feel like you've put them away, but we've learned this year that you have to play the whole game," said Hasselbeck, who completed 28 of 40 for 414 yards

passing with three TDs